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TOWN OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Margaret Connors, Chairperson | (Term Expires 2016) |
| Richard Bielefield | (Term Expires 2015) |
| John J. Strasser, III | (Term Expires 2014) |

TOWN OFFICE

Telephone 823-8468

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Jennifer P. Gaudette

TOWN CLERK

Lissa Boissonneault

TREASURER

Amy Venezia

TAX COLLECTOR

Lissa Boissonneault
Elizabeth Andross, Deputy

CHIEF OF POLICE

David D. Wentworth (Appointed)

FIRE CHIEF / FIRE WARDEN

Allan R. Clark (Appointed)

TO REPORT AN EMERGENCY

911

EMERGENCY ONLY

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

1-800-564-6911

Non-Emergency 823-8123

HIGHWAY AGENT

Douglas R. Glover

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Board of Selectmen

HEALTH OFFICER

Margaret Connors
Hayley Ireland

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Allan R. Clark (Appointed)

MODERATOR

James F. Snyder (2014)

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

| | |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Gregory Connors | (2016) |
| Bruce S. Perlo (resigned) | (2015) |
| Allan R. Clark | (2014) |
| Raymond Dionne (appointed) | |

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

| | |
|------------------|--------|
| Edward Cenerizio | (2018) |
| Starcy Branch | (2016) |
| John Colony | (2014) |

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

| | |
|---------------|--------|
| Colleen Foley | (2016) |
| Jason Tors | (2015) |
| Irene Amsbary | (2014) |

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

| | | | |
|--------------------|------------|------------------|--------|
| | Beth Perlo | (2016) | |
| Holly Hayward | (2016) | Nancy D. Aldrich | (2015) |
| Kathleen Jablonski | (2014) | Meri Hern | (2015) |

PLANNING BOARD

| | | | |
|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|
| | Robert Hayward, Jr., Chairman | (2015) | |
| James Keefe | (2015) | Rebecca Brown | (2014) |
| David Thurston | (2015) | Arthur Chase | (2014) |
| John J. Strasser | (2016) | Christopher Thayer, Alt. | (2014) |
| Sidney Regan | (2016) | Amy Venezia, Alt. & Secretary | (2013) |

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

| | | | |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------|
| | Michael Hern, Chairman | (2016) | |
| Peter Anderson | (2014) | Rick Christofferson | (2015) |
| Donald Boissonneault | (2014) | John Colony | (2015) |
| | Amy Venezia, Alt. & Secretary | (2016) | |
| | Sarah Pinney, Alt | (2015) | |

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

| | | | |
|------------------|---------------------------|----------------|--------|
| | Kathie Galligan, Co-Chair | (2016) | |
| Margaret Connors | (2014) | Timothy Burger | (2016) |
| Eric Jostrom | (2014) | Robert Mancini | (2016) |
| Timothy Williams | (2014) | William Fraser | (2014) |

RECREATION PROGRAM SUGAR HILL REPRESENTATIVES

Launa Glover
Hayley Ireland

All 2013 reports from various agencies not printed in this Town Report are on file in the Selectmen's Office and available upon request.

TOWN OF SUGAR HILL

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES – RESULTS MARCH 12, 2013

Moderator James F. Snyder declared the polls open at 11:00 AM for the voting by ballot on Article 1 (the election of town officers). Polls will close at 7:30 PM unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour. All other Articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon at 7:00 PM. Moderator Snyder went over his rules of conduct for the meeting. He also made the motion to pass over the reading of the entire warrant, seconded by Gordon Johnk. Motion passed. The Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Article 1 to be passed over until ballots are counted at which time Moderator Snyder will read the results.

ARTICLE 1: To vote by nonpartisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

One Selectman to serve for a term of three (3) years
A Town Treasurer to serve for a term of one (1) year
A Town Clerk to serve for a term of one (1) year
A Tax Collector to serve for a term of one (1) year
A Library Trustee to serve for a term of three (3) years
One Trustee of the Trust Funds to serve for a term of three (3) years
One Board of Adjustment member to serve for a term of three (3) years.
One Board of Adjustment member to serve for a term of two (2) years.
Two Board of Cemetery Trustees to serve for a term of three (3) years.
And such other Town Officers as may be required by law.

RESULTS OF ARTICLE 1:

| | | |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Selectman, Three Year Term | Margaret J. Connors | 109 |
| Town Clerk, One Year Term | Lissa Boissonneault | 106 |
| Tax Collector, One Year Term | Lissa Boissonneault | 108 |
| Town Treasurer, One Year Term | Amy Venezia | 110 |
| Library Trustee, Three Year Term | Colleen Foley | 107 |
| Zoning Board of Adjustment, Three Year Term | Michael Hern | 105 |
| Zoning Board of Adjustment, Two Year Term | Rick Christoffersen | 105 |
| Two Cemetery Trustees, Three Year Term | Holly H. Hayward Beth Perlo | 106 99 |
| Trustee of Trust Funds, Three Year Term | Gregory Connors | 105 |

ARTICLE 2: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges and make appropriations of the same as set forth in the following budget:

| | | |
|---|----------|----------------|
| Executive | | \$ 48,375.00 |
| Election, Registration & Vital Statistics | | 20,189.00 |
| Payroll Taxes | | 31,009.00 |
| Financial Administration | | 19,765.00 |
| Property Revaluation | | 15,000.00 |
| Legal Expenses | | 15,000.00 |
| Planning Board | | 2,500.00 |
| Zoning Board of Adjustment | | 500.00 |
| Insurance | | 173,846.00 |
| General Government Buildings | | 43,775.00 |
| Buildings & Grounds | | 29,708.00 |
| Cemetery | | 12,000.00 |
| Advertising & Regional Associations | | 7,585.00 |
| North Country Council | 1,085.00 | |
| Franconia Notch CC | 6,500.00 | |
| Police Department | | 175,751.00 |
| Fire Department | | 73,025.00 |
| Ambulance | | 4,000.00 |
| Emergency Management | | 700.00 |
| Airport | | 423.00 |
| Town Maintenance | | 178,174.00 |
| General Highway Department Expense | | 174,658.00 |
| Highway Block Grant | | 34,607.00 |
| Street Lighting | | 9,000.00 |
| Solid Waste Disposal | | 55,367.00 |
| Health, Hospitals | | 4,730.00 |
| NC Home Health | 1,613.00 | |
| Grafton County Senior | 100.00 | |
| American Red Cross | 250.00 | |
| WM Mental Health | 692.00 | |
| Littleton Hospital | 525.00 | |
| Ammonoosuc Com Health | 1,250.00 | |
| Burch House | 300.00 | |
| Welfare | | 6,000.00 |
| Tri County Cap | 900.00 | |
| Unemployment | | 100.00 |
| Library | | 23,795.00 |
| Parks & Recreation | | 29,330.00 |
| Patriotic Purposes | | 2,000.00 |
| Conservation Commission | | 750.00 |
| Interest Expense – Tax Anticipation | | 1,100.00 |
| Long Term Notes | | 37,500.00 |
| Interest Long Term Notes | | 30,000.00 |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS | | \$1,260,262.00 |

The Selectmen recommend these Appropriations.

Moved by John Strasser

Seconded by Beverly Frenkiewich

Amendment **made by Allan Clark**

Seconded by Greg Connors to increase the ambulance budget by \$9,000.00 due to the increase in the new contracted service, increasing the total appropriation to \$1,269,262.00.

Discussion

All in Favor, “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.

Amendment made by Gary Young

Seconded by Bradford Whipple to increase Election, Registration and Vital Statistics budget and Financial Administration budget by \$4,000 to cover a raise for the Town Clerk and Tax Collector.

Discussion. The Town Clerk/Tax Collection respectfully declined the offer of a raise.

Bradford Whipple made a motion to withdraw the amendment

Seconded by Sarah Pinney.

All in Favor of the Amendment ,”Aye”, opposed “No”, the No’s have it. Amendment fails

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Bradford Whipple

Seconded by Greg Connors

Amendment made by Nick DeMayo to reduce article by \$25,000 and add that amount to Article 4

Seconded by Tom Brigman.

Moderator Snyder stated that only one article can be dealt with at a time.

Discussion

All in Favor of Amendment, “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “No’s” have it. Amendment fails.

Back to Article: All in Favor, “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.

Moderator Snyder closed the polls at 7:45 PM

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be used for Highway Department Roadwork. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the fund is expended or in 3 years, whichever is less. (Majority vote required)

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Beverly Frenkiewich

Seconded by Bruce Perlo

Discussion

All in favor, “Aye”,opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Kitty Bigelow

Seconded by Bradford Whipple

Discussion

All in Favor, “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Beverly Frenkiewich

Seconded by Ken King

Amendment made by Nick DeMayo

Seconded by Tom Brigman to reduce the Article 6 by \$25,000

Discussion

**All in Favor “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “No’s” have it.
Amendment failed.**

Back to Article:

All in Favor, “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2008.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation

Moved by Nick DeMayo

Seconded by David Thurston

Discussion

All in Favor, “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 2006.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation

Moved by Nick DeMayo

Seconded by Sarah Pinney

Discussion

All in Favor, “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2009.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Ken King

Seconded by Gordon Johnk

Discussion

All in Favor, “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Carolina Crapo Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Kathleen Jablonski

Seconded by Rose Ellms

All in Favor, “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$20,800) to purchase 4,000’ of 4” Hose for the Sugar Hill Fire Department with Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$19,760.00) to come from a federal grant and the remaining One Thousand and Forty Dollars (\$1,040.00) to come from taxation.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Nick DeMayo

Seconded by Beverly Frenkiewich

Discussion

All in Favor, “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) for support of the Boys & Girls Club of the North Country. The Boys & Girls Club is a fun, safe, positive place for all children of the North Country under the guidance of caring

adults. The Club offers after school care and all day care during winter & spring vacation weeks and for 9 weeks in the summer.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Irene Amsbary

Seconded by Gail Clark

Amendment made to table Article 12 by Nick DeMayo

Seconded by Steve Monsein

Discussion.

All in Favor “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “No’s” have it. Amendment fails.

Back to Article

All in Favor, “Aye”, opposed, “No”, the “Ayes” have it.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) for support of the Center for New Beginnings. A non-profit that offers general counseling for any mental health issues, alcohol and drug counseling, psychiatric testing and employee assistance program services.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Kathleen Jablonski

Seconded by Sarah Pinney

Discussion

All in Favor, “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300 for support of the Above the Notch Humane Society (ATNHS). ATNHS is a non-profit; no kill organization that serves the communities of Northern New Hampshire. The organization provides training and low cost spay/neuter clinics for the local communities.

Article submitted by Petition.

Moved by Steve Monsein

Seconded by Cory Thurston

Discussion

All in Favor, “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the tax exemptions for Solar Energy Systems (RSA72:62), for Wind-Powered Energy Systems (RSA72:66), and for Wood Heating Energy Systems (RSA72:70), all as defined in the relevant state statutes. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of the qualifying equipment under these statutes up to a maximum of \$20,000.00 for each solar energy system, wind-powered energy system or wood heating energy system.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

Moved by Bradford Whipple

Seconded by Rebecca Brown

Discussion

Amendment made by Bill Fraser to Table Article 15

Seconded by Greg Connors

All in Favor “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it

Article 15 Tabled

ARTICLE: 16: To see if the Town will vote to direct the Select Board to appoint a representative to a governing body that will be formed for the purpose of holding and managing the Cooley-Jericho Community Forest?

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

Moved by Kathleen Jablonski

Seconded by Greg Connors

Discussion

All in Favor, “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.

ARTICLE 17: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Moderator Snyder advised that there is information at the Town Clerk's office for a free prescription discount card for Grafton County residents. He also received a letter from Senator Kelly Ayotte stating the March 30, 2013 is "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" and that there will be a ceremony held at the NH Veterans Cemetery in Boscaawen on March 30th at 11 AM.

Greg Connors thanked Lissa Boissonneault and Kitty Bigelow for the great Town Report cover showing Sugar Hill barns.

Rebecca Brown gave an update on the proposed gas tax that might be voted in by the State of NH. Even though it will be an extra tax for NH residents, monies will be coming back to the towns for road work.

Gordon Johnk thanked all the people in Sugar Hill, including Sugar Hill employees, Selectmen, and volunteers that make Sugar Hill the great town that it is.

John Colony, Chairman of the Supervisors of the Check List, spoke on the Voter ID requirement and what voters should expect when they go the polls in the upcoming year.

Roger Aldrich, long time resident and one of our original Selectmen, made comment that it took us longer to debate non money raising articles than it did money raising articles, which "raised" a good laugh from all.

Gary Young thanked Ross Ambulance for all their years of service to Sugar Hill.

Moderator James F.Snyder read the results of Article 1.

Margaret Connors, Selectperson, thanked those involved in the making of our excellent Town Report. Also thanks to Meri and MikeHern for the delicious dinner they provided for the Town Meeting day workers. Thanks to Dennis Cote for setting up the sound system for the meeting. Thanks to David McPhaul for his years of service on the Trustees of Trust Funds committee and finally thanks to the Family of Lorraine Hunt for continuing her service of putting the flags on Veterans graves at the cemetery.

Lissa Boissoneault thanked the Supervisors of the Check List, Ballot Clerks and ballot counters for their faithful and good service during the many elections put before us.

There being no further business, Moderator Snyder adjourned the 2013 Sugar Hill Town Meeting at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted:
Lissa M. Boissonneault
Town Clerk

BALANCE SHEET

(As at December 31, 2013)

ASSETS

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| Current Assets | |
| Cash - Unrestricted Checking | \$ 205,975.47 |
| Cash – Money Market | 601,602.24 |
| Cash-Police Permit Fees | 254.33 |
| Total Checking/Savings | \$ 807,832.04 |
| Other Current Assets: | |
| Due from State of NH (Grant) | 1,109.93 |
| Property Taxes Receivable Current Year | 149,135.37 |
| Tax Liens Receivable | 81,566.95 |
| Total Current Assets | \$ 231,812.25 |
| Taxes Deeded Property Subject to Resale | <u>38,256.92</u> |
| Total Assets | \$1,077,901.21 |

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Accounts Owed by the Town:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| School District Tax Payable | \$728,352.00 |
| Due to Conservation Land Use Fund | 2,500.00 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 730,852.00 |
| Total Liabilities | \$730,852.00 |
| Reserved for Tax Deeded Property | 38,256.92 |
| Reserved for Police Permit Fees | 254.33 |
| Reserved for Article Carried Forward | 13,681.03 |
| Surplus | 339,007.38 |
| Net Income | <u>-44,150.45</u> |
| Total Equity | <u>\$347,049.21</u> |
| Total Liabilities & Fund Equity | <u>\$1,077,901.21</u> |

SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Crapo Building

| | |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Beginning Balance 1/1/13 | \$573,278.34 |
| 2013 Payment | <u>42,438.53</u> |
| Ending Balance 12/31/13 | \$530,839.81 |

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

| | |
|--|---|
| Land Under Current Use (At Current Use Values) | \$ 640,208.00 |
| Land | 64,138,000.00 |
| Buildings | 83,808,133.00 |
| Public Utilities | <u>3,091,233.00</u> |
| Total Valuation Before Exemptions | 151,677,574.00 |
| Elderly and Blind Exemptions | <u>55,000.00</u> |
| Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate Is Computed for Municipal, County and Local Education Less Utilities | 151,622,574.00 <u>3,091,233.00</u> |
| Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate For State Education Tax Is Computed | \$148,531,341.00 |

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

| | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Tax Rate</u> |
|---|---------------------|-----------------|
| Total Town Appropriations | \$1,501,362.00 | |
| Less: Revenues | (337,241.00) | |
| Add: Overlay | 19,762.00 | |
| War Service Credits | <u>5,100.00</u> | |
| Net Town Appropriations | 1,188,983.00 | |
| Municipal Tax Rate | | 7.84 |
| Net Local School Budget | 0.00 | |
| Regional School Apportionment | 1,615,566.00 | |
| Less: Equitable Education Grant | 0.00 | |
| State Education Taxes | <u>(360,433.00)</u> | |
| Approved School(s) Tax Effort | 1,255,133.00 | |
| Local Education Tax Rate | | 8.28 |
| State Education Taxes | | |
| Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x \$2.435 | | |
| 148,021,747 | 360,433.00 | |
| Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities) | | 2.43 |
| 148,531,341 | | |
| Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State | 0.00 | |
| Due to County | <u>246,167.00</u> | |
| Net County Tax Assessment | 246,167.00 | |
| County Tax Rate | | 1.62 |
| Combined Tax Rate | | 20.17 |
| Total Property Taxes Assessed | 3,050,716.00 | |
| Less: War Service Credits | <u>(5,100.00)</u> | |
| Property Tax To Be Raised | \$3,045,616.00 | |

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

| | Land | Buildings | Equipment |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Meetinghouse | \$110,700.00 | \$ 275,600.00 | \$ 80,000.00 |
| Carolina Crapo | 130,000.00 | 595,100.00 | 50,000.00 |
| Library | | | 20,000.00 |
| Fire Department | 127,500.00 | 101,300.00 | 1,026,800.00 |
| Police Department | | | 82,785.00 |
| Highway Department | 95,700.00 | 165,800.00 | 792,551.00 |
| Building & Grounds | | | 45,275.00 |
| Parks & Commons | | | |
| Coffin Pond | 50,400.00 | | |
| Tennis Courts & Land | 173,000.00 | | |
| Land: | | | |
| Cemeteries | 208,500.00 | | |
| Creamery Pond | 33,600.00 | | |
| Pearl Lake Road | 24,800.00 | | |
| Route 117 | 6,000.00 | | |
| Route 93 | 4,000.00 | | |
| Creamery Pond | 6,500.00 | | |
| Pearl Lake Road | 23,900.00 | | |
| | <u>\$994,600.00</u> | <u>\$1,137,800.00</u> | <u>\$2,097,411.00</u> |
| | (1) | (1) | (2) |

TOTALS

Note (1) Based on Assessed Valuation

Note (2) Depreciated

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

To the Voters of the Town of Sugar Hill:

I herewith submit my report of the financial doings of my office for the year 2013:

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Motor Vehicle Permits Issued: | \$147,273.89 | |
| Dog Licenses Issued: | 575.50 | |
| Marriage & Civil Union Licenses: | 152.00 | |
| Other Permits and Fees: | <u>5,441.60</u> | |
| Total | | \$153,442.99 |
| Remittances to Treasurer: | | |
| Motor Vehicle Permits Issued: | \$147,273.89 | |
| Local Town Clerk Fees: | 1,097.00 | |
| State Town Clerk Fees: | 3,276.00 | |
| Title Application Fees: | 330.00 | |
| Dog Licenses Issued: | 575.50 | |
| Dog License Fees: | 122.00 | |
| Dog License Late Fees: | 33.00 | |
| Marriage Licenses Issued: | 152.00 | |
| Town Clerk Fees: | 28.00 | |
| Vital Statistics (First Copy): | 130.00 | |
| Town Clerk Fees: | 80.00 | |
| UCC Filing Fee: | 135.00 | |
| Recording Fee: | .60 | |
| Insufficient Funds Fees: | 60.00 | |
| State of NH Voter Checklist Refund | <u>150.00</u> | |
| Total | | \$153,442.99 |

Respectfully submitted,
Lissa M. Boissonneault
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2013

DEBITS

**Uncollected Taxes –
Beginning of
Fiscal Year:**

| | Levies of 2013 | Levies of 2012, ... |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Property Taxes | \$ 0.00 | \$213,089.52 |
| Land Use Change | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Yield Taxes | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Taxes Committed This Year: | | |
| Property Taxes | 3,047,920.00 | 0.00 |
| Land Use Change | 16,058.00 | 0.00 |
| Yield Taxes | 3,129.26 | 0.00 |
| Overpayment Refunds: | | |
| Property Taxes | 114.13 | 3,571.87 |
| Interest | 0.00 | 161.78 |
| Costs before Lien | 0.00 | 979.00 |
| Interest Late Tax | <u>3,178.58</u> | <u>10,079.53</u> |
| Total Debits | \$3,070,399.97 | \$227,881.70 |

CREDITS

**Remittances to Treasurer
During Fiscal Year:**

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Property Taxes | \$2,885,532.64 | \$ 114,341.68 |
| Land Use Change | 16,058.00 | 0.00 |
| Yield Taxes | 2,615.78 | 0.00 |
| Interest | 3,178.58 | 10,079.53 |
| Conversion to Lien | 0.00 | 99,494.84 |
| Costs Not Liened | 0.00 | 232.00 |
| Abatements Made: | | |
| Property Taxes | 9,428.46 | 3,585.32 |
| Interest | 0.00 | 148.33 |
| Current Levy Deeded | 4,451.14 | |
| Uncollected Taxes End of Year: | | |
| Property Taxes | 148,621.89 | 0.00 |
| Yield Tax | <u>513.48</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| Total Credits | \$3,070,399.97 | \$227,881.70 |

SUMMARY OF LIEN ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2013

| | <u>DEBITS</u> | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 |
| Unredeemed Liens | | | |
| Balance Beginning of Fiscal Year | \$ 0.00 | \$ 95,412.94 | \$54,504.64 |
| Liens Executed | | | |
| During Fiscal Year | 106,013.84 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Interest & Costs | | | |
| Collected After Lien Execution | <u>2,129.29</u> | <u>9,314.67</u> | <u>16,289.31</u> |
| Total Debits | \$108,143.13 | \$104,727.61 | \$70,793.95 |

CREDITS

| | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Remittances to Treasurer: | | | |
| Redemptions | \$44,753.02 | \$56,503.92 | \$45,679.75 |
| Interest & Cost | 2,129.29 | 9,155.25 | 16,243.31 |
| Abatements of Unredeemed Tax | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Liens Deeded to Municipality | 9,572.92 | 9,189.39 | 8,870.89 |
| Unredeemed Liens | | | |
| Balance End of Fiscal Year | <u>51,687.90</u> | <u>29,879.05</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| Total Credits | \$108,143.13 | \$104,727.61 | \$70,793.95 |

UNREDEEMED PROPERTY TAXES FROM TAX LIEN

BY ORDER OF THE SELECTMEN THE FOLLOWING LIST IS
INCLUDED PER 1997 TOWN MEETING

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Betts, Kendal | 3,550.34 | 0.00 |
| Burns, Stephanie L. | 2,318.00 | 2,226.24 |
| Caporelli, Mary A. & Patricia | 2,349.24 | 2,256.23 |
| Fadden, Aaron | 557.39 | 130.67 |
| Geltson, Thomas | 15.07 | 0.00 |
| Henderson Holdings at Sugar Hill | 22,959.94 | 1,613.29 |
| Kendall, Fred W. | 3,249.34 | 3,093.63 |
| Moose Realty of Franconia, LLC | 874.28 | 0.00 |
| Smith, Estate of Nancy E. | 1,713.76 | 7,021.10 |
| Staffier, Paul D | 5,697.51 | 5,469.84 |
| Waitkus, Lisa | 6,883.04 | 6,607.71 |
| Young, Steven M. | <u>1,519.99</u> | <u>1,460.34</u> |
| Totals | \$51,687.90 | \$29,879.05 |

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year ending December 31, 2013

Cash Basis

| | | |
|--|-------|---------------|
| Beginning Cash Balance Checking, January 1, 2013 | | \$572,939.80 |
| Beginning Balance Money Market, January 1, 2013 | | <u>113.22</u> |
| | Total | \$573,053.02 |

RECEIPTS

| | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Tax Collector | \$3,305,997.59 | |
| Town Clerk | 153,442.99 | |
| Selectmen | 117,007.05 | |
| Loan Proceeds (Tax Anticipation Notes) | 300,000.00 | |
| Transfers (Trust & Capital Reserve Funds) | 151,904.02 | |
| State & Federal Grants | 22,687.50 | |
| Interest on Savings, Money Market & NOW account | <u>643.23</u> | |
| Total Receipts | | \$4,051,682.38 |

DISBURSEMENTS

| | | |
|---|-------------------|--------------|
| Orders of Selectmen | 3,517,157.69 | |
| Loans Repayments | <u>300,000.00</u> | |
| Total Disbursements | | 3,817,157.69 |
| Ending Cash Balance NOW Checking, December 31, 2013 | | 205,975.47 |
| Ending Cash Balance Money Market, December 31, 2013 | | 601,602.24 |
| | | \$807,577.71 |

CHECKING AND SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

POLICE PERMIT ACCOUNT

| | |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Beginning Balance 1/1/13 | \$ 104.66 |
| Deposits | 150.00 |
| Service Charge | (.43) |
| Interest Earned | <u>.10</u> |
| Balance 12/31/13 | \$254.33 |

CONSERVATION LAND USE FUND

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance 1/1/13 | \$82,176.96 |
| Deposits | 3,030.00 |
| Interest Earned | <u>28.98</u> |
| Balance 12/31/13 | \$85,235.94 |

RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Beginning Balance 1/1/13 WGSB Checking | \$1,592.40 |
| Scholarship | (200.00) |
| Interest Earned | <u>1.08</u> |
| Balance 12/31/13 | \$1,393.48 |

RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Beginning Balance 1/1/13 CRB Checking | \$ 443.13 |
| Deposits | 719.25 |
| Withdrawals | <u>(106.08)</u> |
| Balance 12/31/13 | \$1,056.30 |

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Cash Basis

Local Taxes:

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Property Taxes, Current Year | \$2,885,532.64 |
| Yield Taxes, Current Year | 2,615.78 |
| Current Use Change, Current Year | 16,058.00 |
| Current Use Interest | 1,176.16 |
| Property Tax Interest and Cost, Current Year | 2,002.10 |
| Yield Tax Interest, Current Year | .32 |
| Property Taxes, Prior Year | 213,089.52 |
| Property Tax Interest and Costs, Prior Year | 10,079.53 |
| Lien Redemptions, Prior Years | 146,936.69 |
| Lien Interest & Penalties, Prior Years | 27,527.85 |
| Tax Sale costs | <u>979.00</u> |

Total Taxes Collected

\$3,305,997.59

From Local Sources and Miscellaneous, except Taxes:

| | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Motor Vehicle Permits | 147,273.89 |
| Town Clerk Fees | 1,097.00 |
| State Fees | 3,276.00 |
| Title Application Fees | 330.00 |
| Dog Licenses, Fees, Penalty | 730.50 |
| Marriage Licenses | 152.00 |
| Vital Statistics | 130.00 |
| UCC Filing Fees | 135.00 |
| Town Clerk Fees | 80.00 |
| Insufficient Funds | 60.60 |
| State of NH Voter Checklist Refund | <u>150.00</u> |

Total Town Clerk

153,442.99

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Building Permits | 1,315.88 |
| Driveway Permits | 105.00 |
| Police Department Revenue | 6,534.26 |
| Planning Board Fees | 744.00 |
| Selectmen | 1,660.36 |
| Cemetery | 750.00 |
| Fire | 74.71 |
| Highway Department | 374.23 |
| Rent of Town Property | 325.00 |
| Sale of Municipal Property | 8,000.00 |
| Insurance Reimbursements | 27,309.09 |
| Donation | 50.00 |
| Cable TV Permit | <u>1,262.14</u> |

Total Miscellaneous

48,504.67

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|---|-----------------|-------------------|
| From State: | | |
| Highway Block | 43,221.71 | |
| Rooms and Meals | 25,280.67 | |
| State Grant & Reimbursements | <u>2,927.50</u> | |
| Total From State | | 71,429.88 |
| From Federal: | | |
| Fire Grant | 19,760.00 | |
| Total Federal | | 19,760.00 |
| Interest on Checking & Savings Account | 643.23 | |
| Capital Reserve Funds | 145,847.02 | |
| Temporary Loans (TAN Notes) | 300,000.00 | |
| Trust Funds | <u>6,057.00</u> | |
| Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue | | <u>706,065.80</u> |
| Total Receipts From All Sources | | \$4,051,682.38 |
| Cash on Hand, January 1, 2013 | | 573,053.02 |
| Grand Total of Receipts | | \$ 4,624,735.40 |

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

General Government:

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Executive | \$ 35,633.91 |
| Election, Registration & Vital Statistics | 17,961.18 |
| Financial Administration | 19,347.12 |
| Revaluation of Property | 14,978.00 |
| Legal Expenses | 6,166.39 |
| General Government Buildings | 39,532.95 |
| Buildings & Grounds | 28,906.42 |
| Planning Board | 1,862.70 |
| Zoning Board of Adjustment | 0.00 |
| Advertising & Regional Associations | 7,584.70 |
| Cemeteries | 10,813.77 |
| Insurance | 165,044.03 |
| Unemployment | 0.00 |
| Payroll Taxes | <u>23,704.58</u> |

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|-----------------------------------|--|--------------|
| Total General Government Expenses | | \$371,535.75 |
|-----------------------------------|--|--------------|

Public Safety:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Police Department | 174,052.52 |
| Fire Department | 68,863.91 |
| Calex Ambulance/Franconia Life Squad | 11,000.00 |
| Emergency Management | 1,109.93 |
| Federal Hose Grant | <u>20,800.00</u> |

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|------------------------------|--|------------|
| Total Public Safety Expenses | | 275,826.36 |
|------------------------------|--|------------|

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| Airports | <u>423.00</u> | |
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|----------------|--|--------|
| Total Airports | | 423.00 |
|----------------|--|--------|

Highway, Streets and Bridges:

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Town Maintenance | 175,746.31 |
| General Expenses of Highway Department | 173,462.49 |
| Highway Block Grant | 43,221.71 |
| Highway Roadwork Non – Lapsing Fund | 96,318.97 |
| Street Lighting | <u>9,292.66</u> |

| | | |
|--|--|------------|
| Total Highways, Streets and Bridges Expenses | | 498,042.14 |
|--|--|------------|

Sanitation:

| | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Solid Waste Disposal | <u>56,517.00</u> |
|----------------------|------------------|

| | | |
|------------------|--|-----------|
| Total Sanitation | | 56,517.00 |
|------------------|--|-----------|

Health:

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Health, Hospitals | <u>6,030.00</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------|

| | | |
|-----------------------|--|----------|
| Total Health Expenses | | 6,030.00 |
|-----------------------|--|----------|

Welfare:

| | |
|------------|-----------------|
| Assistance | <u>3,349.85</u> |
|------------|-----------------|

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|------------------------|--|----------|
| Total Welfare Expenses | | 3,349.85 |
|------------------------|--|----------|

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|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Culture and Recreation: | | |
| Library | 23,560.72 | |
| Recreation | 24,599.58 | |
| Patriotic | <u>1,988.96</u> | |
| Total Culture and Recreation Expenses | | 50,149.26 |
| Conservation: | | |
| Conservation Commission | 271.18 | |
| Land Use Revenue Fund | <u>3,030.00</u> | |
| Total Conservation Expenses | | 3,301.18 |
| Debt Service: | | |
| Principal Expense – Long Term Notes | 42,438.53 | |
| Interest Expense – Long Term Notes | 25,061.47 | |
| Interest Expense – TANS | <u>533.51</u> | |
| Total Debt Service Payments | | 68,033.51 |
| Transfers to Capital Reserve Funds & Trusts: | | |
| Article # 3 Highway Equipment | 50,000.00 | |
| Article # 5 Police | 5,000.00 | |
| Article # 6 Fire Department HE | 50,000.00 | |
| Article #7 Fire Department Building | 10,000.00 | |
| Article #8 Bridge | 30,000.00 | |
| Article #9 Highway Dept. Building | 5,000.00 | |
| Article #10 Crapo Building | <u>10,000.00</u> | |
| Total Capital Reserve Funds | | 160,000.00 |
| Capital Vehicles/Equipment/Buildings/Land: | | |
| Fire Department Building | 6,700.00 | |
| Highway Dept. Heavy Equipment | 98,900.00 | |
| Highway Building | 796.75 | |
| Crapo Building | 5,327.03 | |
| Police Department Cruiser | <u>34,123.24</u> | |
| Total Capital Expense | | 145,847.02 |
| Miscellaneous: | | |
| Abatements | 3,733.65 | |
| Property Tax Refunds/Overpayments | 114.13 | |
| Taxes Bought by Town | 106,013.84 | |
| Motor Vehicle Refund | <u>350.00</u> | |
| Total Miscellaneous Expenses | | 110,211.62 |
| Unclassified: | | |
| Payments – Tax Anticipation | 300,000.00 | |
| Total Unclassified Expenses | | 300,000.00 |
| Payments to Other Government Divisions: | | |
| Taxes Paid to County | 246,167.00 | |
| Payments to School Districts | <u>1,521,724.00</u> | |
| Total Payments to Other Government Divisions | | <u>1,767,891.00</u> |
| Grand Total of Expenditures | | \$3,817,157.69 |

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Executive:

| | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Selectmen – Salary | \$ 0.00 | |
| Administrative Asst - Gaudette | 23,936.42 | |
| Office Asst. – Venezia | 232.00 | |
| Moderator | 324.00 | |
| Workshops | 41.81 | |
| Telephone | 1,060.14 | |
| Computer Consulting | 1,015.00 | |
| Computer Equipment | 79.99 | |
| Internet | 556.44 | |
| Website | 532.50 | |
| Mapping | 1,725.00 | |
| Registry | 65.84 | |
| Printing/Notices | 2,150.00 | |
| Dues & Subscriptions | 723.68 | |
| Supplies | 266.21 | |
| Office Supplies | 1,720.48 | |
| Postage | 753.39 | |
| Books & Periodicals | <u>451.01</u> | |
| Total Executive Expenses | | \$ 35,633.91 |

Election, Registration & Vital Statistics:

| | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|
| Town Clerk - Boissonneault | 5,762.70 | |
| Town MV Fees - Boissonneault | 1,645.50 | |
| State MV Fees - Boissonneault | 3,276.00 | |
| Title Fees - Boissonneault | 330.00 | |
| Dog Fees - Boissonneault | 122.00 | |
| Marriage Fees - Boissonneault | 28.00 | |
| Vital Fees - Boissonneault | 80.00 | |
| UCC Fees - Boissonneault | 135.00 | |
| Checklist | 435.00 | |
| Ballot Clerks | 308.00 | |
| Workshops/Dues | 75.00 | |
| Computer - Consulting | 1,015.00 | |
| Computer - Program Support | 1,788.93 | |
| Telephone | 488.70 | |
| Printing/Notices | 234.25 | |
| Dues | 20.00 | |
| Supplies/Dog Tags | 113.48 | |
| Office Supplies | 850.02 | |
| Postage | 738.60 | |
| Books | 18.00 | |
| Vital Statistics | 130.00 | |
| Dog Licenses | 215.00 | |
| Marriage Licenses | <u>152.00</u> | |
| Total Election, Registration & Vital Statistics | | 17,961.18 |

Financial Administration:

| | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|
| Tax Collector - Lissa Boissonneault | 5,019.40 | |
| Trustee Expense - Andross | 85.00 | |
| Lien Fees - Boissonneault | 348.00 | |
| Treasurer | 1,750.00 | |
| Auditor | 1,200.00 | |
| Bank Fees | 180.50 | |
| Telephone | 477.19 | |
| Computer - Consulting | 700 .00 | |
| Computer Program & Support | 6,138.00 | |
| Computer - Yearly Payroll | 399.00 | |
| Research Lien | 385.00 | |
| Registry | 191.06 | |
| Dues | 40.00 | |
| Office Supplies | 1,336.44 | |
| Postage | 810.05 | |
| Tax Deed Expense | <u>287.48</u> | |
| Total Financial Administration Expenses | | 19,347.12 |

Total Revaluation 14,978.00

Total Legal Expenses 6,166.39

Payroll Taxes:

| | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------|
| Sugar Hill FICA (Town Contribution) | 17,981.86 | |
| Sugar Hill Medicare (Town Contribution) | <u>5,722.72</u> | |
| Total Payroll Taxes Expense | | 23,704.58 |

Planning Board:

| | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|----------|
| Secretary - Salary Amy Venezia | 1,203.50 | |
| Books | 22.00 | |
| Grafton County Registry | 88.46 | |
| Computer | 204.99 | |
| Printing/Notices | 83.12 | |
| Office Supplies | 62.89 | |
| Postage | <u>197.74</u> | |
| Total Planning Board Expenses | | 1,862.70 |

Zoning Board:

Total Zoning Board Expenses 0.00

Government Buildings:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| James Keefe | 13,709.84 |
| Peter Carbonneau | 173.25 |
| Telephone (Elevator & Meetinghouse) | 793.75 |
| Electricity (Crapo & Meetinghouse) | 4,543.06 |
| Heating Oil (Crapo & Meetinghouse) | 9,770.34 |
| Unifirst - Rugs | <u>1,553.52</u> |

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|--|-------------------|------------|
| Meetinghouse Clock | 1,520.00 | |
| Elevator/ Boiler Inspection | 400.00 | |
| Sanitation | 434.50 | |
| Cluster Fly/Ant Spraying | 510.00 | |
| Rug Cleaning | 376.00 | |
| Alarm Monitoring/Repairs | 2,085.00 | |
| Tri State Extinguisher Inspections | 613.00 | |
| Supplies | 1,893.35 | |
| New Equipment | <u>1,157.34</u> | |
| Total Government Buildings Expenses | | 39,532.95 |
| Meetinghouse Building CRF - Kitchen, windows | | 5,327.03 |
| Grounds & Maintenance: | | |
| Peter Carbonneau - Salary | 20,406.00 | |
| James Keefe | 1,718.26 | |
| Telephone | 368.58 | |
| Uniform | 149.99 | |
| Supplies | 288.00 | |
| Gasoline | 1,243.23 | |
| Diesel | 1,348.09 | |
| Grounds keeping - New Equipment | 1,053.18 | |
| Vehicle Repair | <u>2,331.09</u> | |
| Total Grounds & Maintenance Expenses | | 28,906.42 |
| Cemeteries: | | |
| Tree Removal | 3,475.00 | |
| Maintenance | 331.77 | |
| Stone Cleaning | <u>950.00</u> | |
| Total Cemeteries Expenses | | 4,756.77 |
| Trust Fund Expense | | 6,057.00 |
| Insurance: | | |
| Health - Highway | 64,857.48 | |
| Police | 41,193.24 | |
| Executive (partial reimbursement) | 23,152.97 | |
| Dental | 7,064.52 | |
| Property Liability | 16,474.87 | |
| Worker's Compensation | 17,062.98 | |
| Health Grant (reimbursed) | 500.00 | |
| Return | <u>(5,262.03)</u> | |
| Total Insurance Expenses | | 165,044.03 |
| Total Advertising & Regional Associations Expenses | | 7,584.70 |
| Total Unemployment Expenses | | 0.00 |

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|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Ambulance: | | |
| Calex | 9,000.00 | |
| Franconia Life Squad | <u>2,000.00</u> | |
| Total Ambulance Expenses | | 11,000.00 |

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|----------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Police Department: | | |
| Chief David Wentworth | 61,709.89 | |
| Sgt. Rick Ball | 45,346.05 | |
| Officer Cody MacKay | 284.00 | |
| Adm Asst. Jamie Allaire | 8,464.00 | |
| Alan DeMoranville | 472.00 | |
| Police Retirement | 24,449.53 | |
| Prosecutor | 2,000.00 | |
| Workshops | 125.00 | |
| 8123 Line | 266.01 | |
| Telephone | 2,363.14 | |
| Computer Consulting | 1,050.00 | |
| Computer Equipment | 139.90 | |
| Computer Program Support | 1,245.00 | |
| Website | 336.00 | |
| Dispatch Service | 9,541.34 | |
| Medical Services | 400.00 | |
| Uniforms | 1,319.61 | |
| Firearms | 1,876.55 | |
| Dues | 100.00 | |
| Supplies | 217.74 | |
| Office Supplies | 520.16 | |
| Postage | 116.00 | |
| Gasoline | 7,431.22 | |
| Radio Maintenance | 745.25 | |
| Vehicle Maintenance | 551.60 | |
| New Equipment (Taser) | 2,911.58 | |
| Books | <u>70.95</u> | |
| Total Police Department Expenses | | 174,052.52 |

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|-----------------------------------|--|-----------|
| Police Department Capital Reserve | | 34,123.24 |
|-----------------------------------|--|-----------|

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|----------------------|----------|
| Fire Department: | |
| Salaries: | |
| Aldrich, Clifton | 1,255.50 |
| Amsbary, Douglas | 1,845.50 |
| Burger, Timothy | 1,209.00 |
| Burton, Leslie | 292.50 |
| Chase, Eric | 741.00 |
| Christofferson, Rick | 994.50 |
| Clark, Allan | 7,252.00 |
| Cyrs,III James | 403.00 |
| Gaitskill, Russ | 721.50 |

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Glover, Douglas | 1,650.00 | |
| Hodgdon, Jody | 780.00 | |
| Ireland, Brinson | 1,901.00 | |
| Johnk, Gordon | 2,273.50 | |
| Johnk, Samuel | 1,716.00 | |
| Kenerson, Danforth | 1,248.00 | |
| Kern, Jason | 201.50 | |
| Kinney, Luther | 273.00 | |
| Leighton, Timothy | 552.50 | |
| Leslie, Michael | 273.00 | |
| Quintall, Richard | 143.00 | |
| Snyder, James | 2,142.00 | |
| Szawlowski, Peter | 529.50 | |
| Warren, Michael | 1,898.00 | |
| Wilson, Ned | 1,043.00 | |
| Mileage | 1,300.00 | |
| Training | 2,796.93 | |
| Telephone | 835.14 | |
| Information Line 8123 | 266.02 | |
| Computer Services | 195.00 | |
| Dispatching Services | 3,897.16 | |
| Electric | 1,367.63 | |
| Heating Oil | 3,199.27 | |
| Building Maintenance | 3,963.33 | |
| Uniforms & Protective Clothing | 5,046.12 | |
| Dues | 393.50 | |
| Supplies | 1,784.69 | |
| Office Supplies | 4.49 | |
| Postage | 47.11 | |
| Gasoline | 74.94 | |
| Diesel Fuel | 1,196.67 | |
| Propane | 47.44 | |
| Vehicle Maintenance | 2,751.92 | |
| Equipment Maintenance | 2,104.45 | |
| Radio Maintenance | 1,478.11 | |
| Books & Periodicals | 46.00 | |
| New & Replacement Equipment | 3,212.60 | |
| Communication Equipment | <u>1,516.89</u> | |
| Total Fire Department Expenses | | 68,863.91 |
| Fire Department CRF Building | | 6,700.00 |
| Fire Department Grant | | 20,800.00 |
| Total Emergency Management | | 1,109.93 |
| Airport | | 423.00 |

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|---|-----------|------------|
| Town Maintenance: | | |
| Douglas Glover - Salary | 64,371.67 | |
| Brett Hucksoll | 50,002.75 | |
| Mike Leslie | 42,100.01 | |
| Peter Carbonneau | 3,910.00 | |
| Retirement | 15,361.88 | |
| Total Town Maintenance | | 175,746.31 |
| General Highway Department: | | |
| Engineering - McCarthy | 1,920.00 | |
| Telephone | 1,620.04 | |
| Computer Internet | 540.07 | |
| Medical | 243.00 | |
| Electricity | 2,164.92 | |
| Heating Oil | 7,086.04 | |
| Building Maintenance | 1,264.46 | |
| Equipment Rental | 2,263.50 | |
| Uniforms | 3,635.96 | |
| Dues | 50.00 | |
| Supplies | 1,452.70 | |
| Office Supplies | 78.98 | |
| Printing/Notices | 47.25 | |
| Shop Supplies | 6,974.94 | |
| Gasoline | 120.23 | |
| Diesel Fuel | 29,063.78 | |
| Propane | 355.65 | |
| Vehicle Maintenance | 18,577.79 | |
| Equipment Maintenance | 10,584.89 | |
| Radio Maintenance | 1,428.20 | |
| Road Salt | 15,971.14 | |
| Hot Top | 16,875.31 | |
| Crushed Gravel | 9,951.00 | |
| Sand | 18,689.75 | |
| Culverts | 7,414.10 | |
| Stone | 2,788.00 | |
| Cold Patch | 9,158.05 | |
| Town of Franconia | 540.00 | |
| Non Lapsing Roadwork WA #4 | 96,318.97 | |
| Street Signs | 335.18 | |
| Casual Labor Griffith | 320.00 | |
| Miscellaneous | 375.00 | |
| New Equipment | 1,572.36 | |
| Total General Highway Department & WA#4 | | 269,781.46 |
| Highway Building CRF | | 796.75 |
| Heavy Equipment CRF | | 98,900.00 |

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|--|------------------|------------|
| Total Street Lighting Expenses | | 9,292.66 |
| Total Highway Block Grant Expenses | | 43,221.71 |
| Total Solid Waste Disposal Expenses | | 56,517.00 |
| Total Health & Hospitals Agencies Expenses | | 6,030.00 |
| Total Welfare Expenses | | 3,349.85 |
| Total Parks & Recreation Expenses | | 24,599.58 |
| Library: | | |
| Librarian - Judy Weisenberger | 6,669.00 | |
| Ingrid Ogren | 3,100.00 | |
| Telephone | 397.12 | |
| Computer Consulting | 350.00 | |
| Computer Equipment | 2,478.94 | |
| Dues | 580.00 | |
| Library Supplies | 784.02 | |
| Office Supplies | 58.53 | |
| Box Rent | 116.00 | |
| Books/Movies/Audio | <u>9,027.11</u> | |
| Total Library Expenses | | 23,560.72 |
| Patriotic: | | |
| Lafayette Lions Parade | 150.00 | |
| Town Party | <u>1,838.96</u> | |
| Total Patriotic Expenses | | 1,988.96 |
| Conservation Commission: | | |
| Printing | 130.38 | |
| Mapping | 20.80 | |
| Postage | 82.50 | |
| Miscellaneous | <u>37.50</u> | |
| Total Conservation Commission Expenses | | 271.18 |
| Land Use Change Fund | | 3,030.00 |
| Long Term Notes -Principal | 42,438.53 | |
| Long Term Notes - Interest | <u>25,061.47</u> | |
| Total Long Term Notes | | 67,500.00 |
| Temporary Loan (TAN) | 300,000.00 | |
| TAN Interest | <u>533.51</u> | |
| Total Temporary Loan | | 300,533.51 |

| | | |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|
| Transfers - Capital Reserve Funds: | | |
| Crapo Building CRF | 10,000.00 | |
| Highway Department HE | 50,000.00 | |
| Fire Department HE | 50,000.00 | |
| Fire Department Building | 10,000.00 | |
| Police Department | 5,000.00 | |
| Bridgework | 30,000.00 | |
| Highway Building | <u>5,000.00</u> | |
| Total Transfers - Capital Reserve Funds | | 160,000.00 |
| Total Taxes Paid - County | | 246,167.00 |
| Total Taxes Paid - School District | | 1,521,724.00 |
| Motor Vehicle Refund | | 350.00 |
| Abatements | | 3,733.65 |
| Property Tax Refunds/Overpayments | | 114.13 |
| Total Taxes Bought by the Town | | <u>106,013.84</u> |
| Total Detailed Expenses | | \$3,817,157.69 |

LOCAL AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have had the honor of being auditor for the Town of Sugar Hill for 25 years starting with the year 1988. I have been elected, appointed and pushed into the position. I have enjoyed every year, but now as I approach my 93rd year it is time to retire.

I have enjoyed working with Town Clerks from Edith Aldrich to Lissa Boissonneault and with Treasurer Amy Venezia and Administrative Assistant Jennifer Gaudette. It has been a great privilege to work with so many hard working and dedicated ladies. I thank them all for their patience and help. Sugar Hill has been blessed to have so many ladies who have run the Town Offices.

This year with Ralph Brigida gone, we have hired Crane & Bell to do the official compilation of the Annual Financial Report of the Town and I have completed the MS-60 as required by the Department of Revenue.

It's been a pleasure,
William Pinney
Volunteer Town Auditor



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ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen,
Town of Sugar Hill:

We have compiled the balance sheet of Town of Sugar Hill as of December 31, 2013, and the related statement of revenues, expenditures and fund balance for the year then ended, included in the accompanying form MS-5. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements included in the accompanying form MS-5 and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the financial statements are in accordance with the form prescribed by New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration.

Management of the Town of Sugar Hill is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the MS-5 in accordance with requirements prescribed by New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the MS-5.

Our responsibility is to conduct the compilation in accordance with *Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services* issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of a compilation is to assist management in presenting financial information in the form of financial statements without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements.

The financial statements included in the accompanying MS-5 are presented in accordance with the requirements of New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, and are not intended to be a presentation in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management of Town of Sugar Hill and the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than this specified party.

Crane & Bell, PLLC

February 17, 2014

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS **Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2013**

PRINCIPAL **INCOME**

| Date Of Creation | NAME OF TRUST | Balance Beginning of Year | New Funds Created | Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities | Withdrawals | Balance End of Year | Balance Beginning of Year | Income During Year | Expended During Year | Balance End Year | Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|--|
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 06/19/1976 | Highway Dept. CRF | 51073.66 | 50000.00 | 0.00 | 98855.51 | 2218.15 | 21.53 | 22.96 | 44.49 | 0.00 | 2218.15 |
| 06/23/1976 | Police Department CRF | 48666.37 | 5000.00 | 0.00 | 34046.09 | 19620.28 | 64.65 | 12.50 | 77.15 | 0.00 | 19620.28 |
| 12/31/1991 | Meetinghouse CRF | 13218.45 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 13218.45 | 0.00 | 4.84 | 0.00 | 4.84 | 13223.29 |
| 03/17/1999 | Highway Dept. Roadwork CRF | 690.45 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 690.45 | 442.60 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 442.60 | 1133.05 |
| 08/01/2004 | Carolina Crapo CRF | 601.06 | 10000.00 | 0.00 | 5325.91 | 5275.15 | 0.00 | 1.12 | 1.12 | 0.00 | 5275.15 |
| 07/19/1993 | Fire Department CRF | 42441.94 | 50000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 92441.94 | 0.00 | 20.10 | 0.00 | 20.10 | 92462.04 |
| 08/09/2006 | Highway Bridge | 119600.28 | 30000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 149600.28 | 0.00 | 45.30 | 0.00 | 45.30 | 149645.58 |
| 11/20/2008 | Fire Department Building | 4474.94 | 10000.00 | 0.00 | 6697.20 | 7777.74 | 0.00 | 2.80 | 2.80 | 0.00 | 7777.74 |
| 03/10/2009 | Highway Department Building | 14037.64 | 5000.00 | 0.00 | 791.18 | 18246.46 | 0.00 | 5.57 | 5.57 | 0.00 | 18246.46 |
| 03/13/2012 | Building & Grounds | 5000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5000.00 | 2.16 | 1.46 | 0.00 | 3.62 | 5003.62 |
| | TOTAL CAPITAL | | | | | | | | | | |
| | RESERVE FUNDS | \$299804.79 | \$160000.00 | \$0.00 | 145715.89 | \$314088.90 | \$530.94 | \$116.65 | \$131.13 | \$516.46 | \$314605.36 |

All Funds Invested 100%
All Funds are Bank Deposits at Connecticut River Bank N.A. or PDIP

Respectfully,
Chairman Allan Clark, Greg Connors, Ray Dionne
Trustee of the Trust Funds

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2013

PRINCIPAL INCOME

| Date Of Creation | NAME OF TRUST | Balance Beginning of Year | New Funds Created | Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities | Withdrawals | Balance End of Year | Balance Beginning of Year | Income During Year | Expended During Year | Balance End Year | Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---|
| 10/09/1975 | Sunnyside Care Fund (1) | 12000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 12000.00 | 1105.55 | 4.84 | 0.00 | 1110.39 | 13110.39 |
| 09/21/1973 | Louise Leazott Trust (1) | 500.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | 563.69 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 563.69 | 1063.69 |
| 11/05/1943 | Annie Bowles Trust (1) | 150.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 | 135.79 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 135.79 | 285.79 |
| 11/03/1937 | Frank E. Bowles Trust (1) | 150.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 | 135.79 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 135.79 | 285.79 |
| 10/18/1956 | J.L. & Gertrude Bowles Trust (1) | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 75.49 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 75.49 | 175.49 |
| 07/11/1984 | Hersom Murray Trust (1) | 150.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 | 91.55 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 91.55 | 241.55 |
| 10/09/1975 | Anker Trust (2) | 3500.79 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3500.79 | 1401.90 | 1.41 | 0.00 | 1403.31 | 4904.10 |
| 10/09/1975 | Sunnyside Cemetery (3) | 23248.09 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 683.12 | 22564.97 | 5363.89 | 9.99 | 5373.88 | 0.00 | 22564.97 |
| | TOTAL CEMETERY OF TRUST FUNDS | \$39798.88 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$683.12 | \$39115.76 | \$8873.65 | 16.24 | 5373.88 | 3516.01 | \$42631.77 |

(1) Interest only may be used for lot care.
(2) Funds may be used at discretion of Cemetery Trustees.
(3) Funds may only be used for Sunnyside Maintenance.
All Funds Invested 100%
All Funds are deposited in PDIP.

Respectfully,
Chairman Allan Clark, Greg Connors, Ray Dionne
Trustees of the Trust Funds

SELECT BOARD'S REPORT

The Select Board would like to pay special tribute to Ray Burton, who served the North Country for 35 years. To quote Governor Maggie Hassan "Ray was more than an Executive Councilor or County Commissioner – he was a member of the family. If a challenge or problem ever arose, you could call Ray Burton and he would do everything in his power to help. If a business, a student, a community leader was being honored; Ray Burton would be the first to applaud. If there was a parade, a potluck dinner, a public meeting, you knew that Ray Burton would be there." He will be greatly missed by all.

We also mourn the passing of Harold Aldrich who served as Town Road Agent for 29 years and as a member of the Fire Department for 60 years. We will always remember his dedication, spirit and sense of fun.

There has not been too much excitement in Town this past year except for the weather. We would like to express special thanks to Road Agent, Doug Glover for 20 years of service to the Town. We appreciate his ongoing hard work and creativity, along with his crew, in maintaining our roads throughout the year – never knowing what surprises Mother Nature is going to throw at us next.

Welcome Haley Ireland and Launa Glover as Sugar Hill's representatives to the Tri-Town Recreation Department. Haley has also agreed to act as Deputy Health Officer for the Town. We thank out-going Sugar Hill Recreation Committee members Gordie Johnk and Cindy McLaren for their years of service. Dan Kenerson and Justin Kline are Sugar Hill's representatives to the Cooley-Jericho Community Forest Governing Board.

The Board has contracted with Crane, Upton & Bell to be our new Auditors. Bill Pinney has graciously agreed to continue as the volunteer/consultant Auditor. The Board has also contracted with Forester, Dana Blais from Bath, NH, to assist the Conservation Commission in trail development and to review private timber cuts.

Many thanks to the Sugar Hill Improvement Association for facilitating the repairs and re-model of the Crapo Building kitchen. Thanks also to Sugar Hill Landscapes for donating potted plants and bedding plants around the flagpole to beautify the Crapo building in time for Lupine Festival.

The State has recorded that the Cottonwood Tree on Route 117 adjacent to the Ireland's property is the second largest in the State.

The Board continues to oppose Northern Pass as proposed and encourages Northeast Utilities/PSNH to consider burying the HVDC line along existing state transportation corridors. Margo Connors testified against Northern Pass for the Town at the US Department of Energy Environmental Impact Hearing in October.

The Town of Sugar Hill believes that there will be serious negative environmental and economic impacts for all of its citizens if the proposed NP Transmission line is built through our community. The Select Board and Conservation Commission have examined the proposed Northern Pass route in relation to our natural resource

inventory, conservation plan and revised master plan. We believe that the following factors should be studied by the Department of Energy:

- 1. The inherent physical changes brought by towers, lines and clearing of the right of way;**
- 2. The deleterious effects towers will have on scenic areas and view sheds;**
- 3. The degradation of property values and the resulting loss of tax revenues (this has already occurred with the possibility of HVDC towers being built right through the middle of our Town);**
- 4. The assault on our Town's conservation land, water resources, wild life, forest and farm land;**
- 5. The impact on tourism that hulking towers would have looming over our historic main street.**
- 6. We ask that you evaluate the impact of the proposed line on our recreational trails, lands and waterways that are currently used by numerous groups and year round tourists. Recreation land is one of the major facets of our economy. So we specifically ask that you assess the visual and the auditory impact of these proposed lines.**

We urge the US Department of Energy to carefully look at these issues and consider alternatives to the proposed Northern Pass project- either a no build option, or the complete burial of the line along State transportation corridors.

Energy Reduction: Road Agent Doug Glover attended a Biomass Heat Workshop in November to learn more about heating alternatives for the town garage and Crapo building. The Board created an Energy Committee, which is a sub-committee of the Conservation Commission. In the future, this group will assist the Town to reduce energy consumption in government buildings; provide information to residents regarding energy conservation methods, measurement of heat loss and alternative energy systems; and provide annual updates of available information regarding home energy conservation measures and recycling, including specific assistance programs. Current members of the Energy Committee are Dolly McPhaul, Peter Andersen, and Nancy Martland. Please contact the Select Board if you would like to get involved in these conservation efforts. The Select Board is working to eliminate approximately half of the street lights in Town to cut back on our energy costs. Poles identified with pink ribbon are those being considered for removal. Sugar Hill is also represented on the Ammonoosuc Regional Energy Team whose goal is to assist the Town and community members to be more energy efficient and to cut costs.

The Select Board signed a Hawkers and Peddlers policy and an Energy Policy that will be posted on the town website. www.sugarhillnh.org

The Select Board extends a sincere thank you to all the people that keep our Town running smoothly, whether as an employee or volunteer. We could not do it without each one of you.

CEMETERY TRUSTEES' REPORT

The year 2013 saw the continuation of projects the Trustees had approved. John Hanks of Littleton Monument will continue to maintain the monuments as needed at both Sunnyside and Streeter Pond Road Cemeteries.

StandFast Works Forge from Parsonsfield Maine has completed 40% of the work on the iron fence restoration on the oldest part of the Cemetery with the remainder set for completion by the end of 2014.

New gravel was laid on the roads and we continue to work to remove dead trees and trim overgrown bushes. The hearse shed will be need to repaired due to drainage issues.

We would like to thank Pete Carbonneau the Sexton and Caretaker for his outstanding maintenance of the grounds. Special thanks to Lorraine Hunt's family for remembering our Veterans with flags for Memorial Day. Additional thanks to Doug Glover and his Crew for the Road Maintenance and assistance with burials as needed.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Perlo, Chairperson
Nancy Aldrich
Holly Hayward
Meri Hern
Kathleen Jablonski
Cemetery Trustees

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board meets the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 PM at the Carolina Crapo Memorial Building. The public is always invited to attend any meeting. Any resident interested in serving on the Planning Board should write a letter of interest to the Select Board.

The Planning Board approved the following for 2013:

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| Minor Subdivisions | 1 |
| Lot Line Adjustments | 2 |
| Voluntary Merger | 1 |

The Board continued its review of the Master Plan with assistance from Tara Bamford from the North Country Council. We are currently in the final stages of review and will be holding a public meeting in the spring of 2014 for final approval.

Appreciation is due to all the members who generously volunteer their time to serve on the Planning Board.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Venezia, Secretary

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

In the spring of 2013, the newly formed Road Committee turned in their Road Report with suggestions for the maintenance of Town Roads. I would like to thank the Road Committee, Jody, Carl and Haley for all their time spent on the report.

Spring cleanup and sweeping was started as soon as the frost was out of the ground. The cleanup lasted approximately four weeks and then onto the summer routine which included ditch work, prepping for paving and adding gravel to some dirt roads. After multiple meetings with the Road Committee it was determined what roads would receive asphalt in 2013. That decision was altered after the heavy rains in September as a washout on Crane Hill had us moving our plans and making repairs. Paving was done on Bickford Hill Road, Birches Road and Lover's Lane. Most of the hot mix paving was done on Streeter Pond Road and Crane Hill. After paving was finished, we started on drainage by replacing multiple culverts around Town. Once again Dodge Contracting was hired to help change out a failed large pipe on the bottom of Crane Hill Road.

Fall saw the Town hiring Top Notch Tree Services to come in with a bucket truck and crane to safely remove some hazardous trees that were larger than what the Department can handle. Ditching continued into the late fall when set up for winter operations began.

Progress on the replacement/repair of Crane Hill Bridge is being made slowly but in a forward direction. Contact has been made with Winterset Corporation of Lyndonville, Vermont about the repair of the bridge and also with the Department of Environmental Services for permitting in the removal of the gravel bars from the Gale River. As we close 2013 we find the Department continuing to keep your roads snow and ice free.

Once again, thanks to the Sugar Hill Fire and Police Departments for all the help that they have given us over the last year and last but not least the Select Board and Office Staff for all they do to keep us going. Hopefully 2014 will find everyone safe and healthy and as always, feel free to call me 24 hours a day, seven days a week if there is something that I can do for you.

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas Glover, Road Agent

SUGAR HILL HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Issues Facing the Highway Department

- Planning highway projects:
 - It is impossible to plan work for the year before the end of winter, when it is possible to identify which locations require immediate maintenance and to determine the resources that will be available for road projects during the rest of the year.
 - How can the Department best maintain the flexibility to deal with unexpected problems (e.g. washouts) while also keeping pace with necessary repairs and rehabilitation of roads and drainage?
- Priorities:
 - What are the priorities for short- and long-term road investments?
 - When and where is it reasonable to consider rebuilding roads?
 - When and where is it reasonable to convert paved roads with low traffic volume into gravel roads?
 - Considerations include the need for safe bus routes, the need for emergency access for all locations, safety, traffic volumes, current and projected condition of roads, costs of maintenance activities, and life cycle costs. What is most important?
- Funding:
 - Would the Town be willing to support a more ambitious program for upgrading Sugar Hill roads that could be financed by issuing bonds?
 - Will State support for local roads continue to decline, or will the State decide to increase the gas tax or take other steps to increase revenues for local road projects?
- Role of the Highway Committee
 - Should the committee schedule regular annual or semi-annual meetings on roads?
 - Would you be interested in participating in long-range planning for Sugar Hill roads?

Sugar Hill Highway Committee: Jody Hodgdon, Haley Ireland, and Carl Martland
Sugar Hill Road Agent: Doug Glover

SUGAR HILL NORTHERN PASS ACTION COMMITTEE

(SNOPAC)

SNOPAC continued to work with the Select Board to oppose the Northern Pass Transmission Project in 2013. Its efforts were focused in three main areas: legislation in the NH Legislature, the Federal permitting process, and drafting a Town energy policy..

Legislative advocacy included support of several Bills to improve and revise NH's energy siting policies. These included SB99, calling for an outside study of the Site Evaluation Committee's processes, structure, and policies. This Bill was enacted, the study was undertaken in the fall of 2013, and Sugar Hill was well-represented in the public inquiry portion of the study. At present, a Bill that follows up with amendments to the SEC is pending in the NH Senate, and SNOPAC will be supporting it. Set aside for further study was HB 569, which directed the SEC to exercise preference for underground lines in its siting policies. The Bill was reintroduced in the House in January of 2014 and was passed and sent to the Senate. Sugar Hill was also represented in hearings regarding HB569 that were held in the summer and fall of 2013. SNOPAC will also support SB200, a Bill to create underground utility corridors along state-owned rights of way such as highways and railways.

Due to the revised route announced by Northern Pass in the summer of 2013, the United States Department of Energy held another round of Scoping Hearings. SNOPAC was active in informing the public about the hearings and encouraging citizens to attend and to testify, or to send in written testimony. Sugar Hill had an excellent turnout at the hearings. The DOE is now in the process of reviewing testimony and drafting an Environmental Impact Statement. The draft EIS will be available for public comment sometime this year, and SNOPAC will review it and submit comments.

SNOPAC worked with the Select Board to draft an Energy Policy for the Town as part of the new Master Plan. This will be subject to public review and comment.

The coming year promises to be a critical one in the fight against Northern Pass. SNOPAC will continue to advocate vigorously in opposition. If you are not on our mailing list and would like to receive periodic updates and calls for action, please contact Nancy Martland to have your name added to the email notification list -- nancy.martland@gmail.com. SNOPAC emails are also posted on the Bulletin Board outside the Library and in the Post Office.

SUGAR HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Another year has come and gone... Where does the time go? Let's catch up on the Sugar Hill Police Department's current events. As you have probably already noticed, we picked up a new cruiser during the summer. We switched from the traditional Chevy Tahoe, to the Ford Explorer. This worked out well for us on multiple levels, first and foremost the cost. We paid the same price for the new cruiser as we did for the old cruiser three years ago. Other than price, we switched because Ford specifically created our Ford for Law Enforcement

We are happy to announce that we have hired Gary Emerson as a new part-time Officer. He is a gentle giant of a man, who retired as a Corrections Officer, but wanted to continue working in Law Enforcement on a part-time basis. He also works part-time for the Grafton County Sheriff's Department. If you see a large, bald man with a big smile walking around Sugar Hill, stop and say hello. On the other hand, we are saddened to announce that Phil Blanchard, who has been a part-time Officer with us for over three years, has resigned to keep up with the hours he is being asked to work elsewhere.

We are also working with the Profile School to begin an internship program for Law Enforcement. It is still in the beginning stage right now, however it should be up and running at the time you are reading this report. We are also discussing the viability of developing a Volunteer Program, potentially both for the Police Department as well as the Town.

Last, but not least, as you may remember from last year's report, we were fortunate enough to have a visit from Chief Jose Pequeno last year. This year we are working on arrangements for Chief Pequeno to attend the 2014 Summer Chief's Conference. The New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police and I are working diligently to make this a reality. During his tenure as the Sugar Hill Police Chief, Jose never missed a "Chief's Conference", I think having the opportunity to share my first Chief's Conference with "My Chief", Jose Pequeno, will allow me an opportunity for a special memory, not to be forgotten.

In closing, as I always have; I would like to let all of you know how honored I am to work for such a wonderful community. I would like to thank the Sugar Hill Fire Department as well as the Sugar Hill Highway Department, both of whom have always provided assistance whenever we have asked. I have never taken for granted the relationship we have with our community as well as with my coworkers in the Fire and Highway Departments.

Sincerely,

Chief David D. Wentworth
On behalf of the Sugar Hill Police Department

CALLS FOR SERVICE

| | 2012 | 2013 |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Arrests | 17 | 3 |
| 911 Hang Up | 12 | 16 |
| Abandoned MV | 2 | 6 |
| Alarm, Burglar | 53 | 59 |
| All Spots Inquiries | 10 | 12 |
| Assault | 4 | 0 |
| Assist Citizen | 9 | 7 |
| Assist Other Agency | 0 | 3 |
| Building Check | 6 | 7 |
| Burglary | 6 | 1 |
| Civil Stand-By | 6 | 4 |
| Disabled MV/Lock Out | 24 | 21 |
| Disturbance/Fight/Brawl | 2 | 2 |
| Dog Complaint | 32 | 17 |
| Domestic Disturbance | 2 | 2 |
| Drug Issues | 2 | 1 |
| Fish & Game | 33 | 4 |
| Follow Up Investigations | 36 | 24 |
| Lost/Found Property | 3 | 4 |
| Missing Person | 0 | 2 |
| Motor Vehicle Complaint | 8 | 9 |
| Motor Vehicle Crash | 10 | 9 |
| Motor Vehicle Stop | 152 | 158 |
| Noise Complaint | 2 | 3 |
| Paperwork Service | 3 | 2 |
| Police Admin | 119 | 95 |
| Road Hazard/Wire or Tree Down | 41 | 44 |
| Shots Fired | 0 | 1 |
| Suicidal Person | 0 | 0 |
| Suspicious Person | 12 | 7 |
| Suspicious Vehicle | 15 | 12 |
| Telephone Harassment | 6 | 3 |
| Theft/Fraud | 8 | 7 |
| Threats | 3 | 0 |
| Traffic Detail | 1 | 1 |
| Trespass | 6 | 8 |
| Unknown/Other | 7 | 38 |
| Vandalism | 5 | 2 |
| VIN Verification | 6 | 5 |
| Wanted Person | 3 | 0 |
| Welfare Check | <u>6</u> | <u>7</u> |
| TOTAL | 672 | 606 |

SUGAR HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

During 2013 your Fire Department continued to be very active in training and with emergency calls. We responded to 49 emergency calls in 2013 which is a little lower than an average year.

Your Fire Department is well equipped, adequately staffed and highly trained. The Department has 21 dedicated Firefighters who are all very active. Although the Firefighters are part-time employees, they are committed to providing the Town with the coverage and the services usually found only in full time Departments.

We continued our extensive training by training a minimum of two times per month. The skill level of your Firefighters is very high for a community our size. Although our call volume is not very high, when we do have a structure fire or other serious emergency we must have the training and equipment to professionally handle the fire or emergency.

We are fortunate that we do not have high turn-over. This year we did have Jason Kern resign as he moved out of State. Peter Szawlowski after serving on the Fire Department for many years retired. Peter was responsible for maintaining the Rescue Truck and was an excellent pump operator. His hard work and willingness to tackle any task will be missed.

The Engine which we put into service last year has performed well and will serve Sugar Hill well into the future. The Engine that we utilize to provide a water source has a body and pump that is 37 years old and a chassis that is 16 years old. The Engine has a steel body that is rusting away. It is not cost effective to repair and we are hopeful that this Engine will continue to function until adequate funds are in our capital reserve so we can purchase a new one in 2017. Once that Engine is replaced we will no longer have truck bodies that are steel and susceptible to rust.

The Fire Department responded to the following:

| <u>TYPE</u> | <u>2013</u> | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>2010</u> | <u>2009</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Brush/Grass Fires | | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Chimney Fires | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Alarm Activations | 15 | 21 | 24 | 12 | 10 |
| Furnace Problems | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Hazardous Conditions | 12 | 4 | 5 | 12 | 2 |
| Hazardous Materials | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents | 1 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 5 |
| Mutual Aid – Cover | 7 | 3 | 5 | 9 | 2 |
| Mutual Aid – Scene | 3 | 13 | 11 | 9 | 11 |
| Rescues | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Service Calls | 7 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| Smoke Investigations | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 2 |
| Structure Fires | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Vehicle Fires | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 49 | 56 | 60 | 62 | 40 |

As of December 31, 2013 the Fire Department’s active roster consisted of twenty-one of your neighbors who are as follows:

| | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Chief Allan R. Clark | |
| Asst. Chief Doug Glover | | Asst. Chief Doug Amsbary |
| Captain Gordie Johnk | Lieutenant Jim Snyder | Lieutenant Cliff Aldrich |
| Engineer Michael Warren | Engineer Brinson Ireland | Engineer Ned Wilson |
| Tim Burger | Eric Chase | Rick Christoffersen |
| Jim Cyrs, III | Russell Gaitskill | Jody Hodgdon |
| Sam Johnk | Dan Kenerson | Luther Kinney |
| Tim Leighton | Mike Leslie | Rick Quintal |

We enjoy holding our annual Open House in October where many of the residents of the Town stop by and spend a little time looking at our equipment and chatting with the Firefighters. We sincerely appreciate all of the kind words expressed to the Firefighters.

This year, long time Firefighter Harold Aldrich made a special effort to attend the Open House. Seeing Harold bask in the attention that he so deserved from the public and the Firefighters was heartwarming. Harold served as a very active Firefighter for 65 years. Harold died shortly after our Open House on November 16, 2013. Harold will be greatly missed.

The entire Fire Department helped the family during the period that Harold was sick. I must publicly thank Firefighter Mike Warren and Chaplain Ned Wilson for all that they did to help Harold and his family during the period that Harold was not well as they went well beyond the call of duty. I offer a special thank you to Zora Kinney who coordinated the community effort to provide meals to Harold and Edith during the period that he was very sick.

It is truly an honor to serve such a wonderful community as Sugar Hill as the Fire Chief. Thank you for your support and thank you to the Firefighters for their support and dedication. I especially thank the spouses of the Firefighters for tolerating the many disruptions to their family life for the good of the community.

Respectfully submitted,
Allan R. Clark
Fire Chief

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

The responsibility of the Emergency Management Director coordinates the efforts of the Town during an emergency towards a unified goal. Emergency Management in Sugar Hill is a cooperative effort of the Highway Department, Fire Department, and Police Department working together toward a common goal. Sugar Hill is fortunate to have Departments that work very well together. Chief David Wentworth and the Police Department, Highway Superintendant Doug Glover and his crew and the Fire Department are extremely competent and “customer” service oriented and easy to work with.

It seems that every year there is a major incident due to natural causes that has a significant detrimental effect on the Town. In prior years we have had significant wind storms, ice storms, ice jams on the river, torrential rain storms and flooding. In 2013 we had significant rain events that overwhelmed the Town’s road drainage systems causing road damage.

The Town has worked hard to identify the hazards the community can face and developed a plan and the infrastructure necessary to mitigate those hazards. We continue to work to seek grant funds to pay for the mitigation of these natural hazards.

Our focus in 2014 is to seek funds to dredge the gravel bars in the Gale River downstream of the Crane Hill Road Bridge in order to minimize ice dams provided necessary approvals can be obtained. We are seeking funds to continue the efforts of the Road Crew to upgrade culverts throughout Town in an effort to minimize roadside flooding and washouts.

Please do not hesitate to contact your emergency services by calling 823-8123 should you require any assistance. It does not need to be a true emergency; it can simply be something that requires the resources of the Town to mitigate. The Fire Department, Highway Department and the Police Department are willing to help the citizens and visitors to Sugar Hill during a time of need.

Respectfully submitted,
Allan R. Clark
Emergency Management Director

SUGAR HILL FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

The Sugar Hill Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services prohibits burning of household waste.

Outdoor burning is only allowed after 5 p.m. and must be out the following morning by 9 a.m. unless it is raining or the ground is covered by snow. Permits are always required unless the ground is covered with snow. It is asked that you contact our dispatch at 823-8123 if burning when the ground is covered by snow. Permits in Sugar Hill can be obtained from the Warden or Deputy Wardens. Sugar Hill burn permits also can be obtained utilizing our website at www.sugarhillfd.org and going to the permit section and following the directions. Permits may be denied due to weather conditions or what is intended to be burnt.

Statewide the fire season started in late March with the first reported fire on March 26th 2013. April, which is the traditional start to the statewide spring fire season, started very dry with little measurable precipitation until the middle of the month. Approximately 70% of the State's reportable fires occurred during the months of April and May. The largest fire was 51 acres on April 29th. 81% of our fires occurred on high fire danger days. By mid-May, extensive rains began which provided us with a very wet summer overall. The State had a longer fall fire season due to drier than normal conditions following leaf fall. Fortunately most of these fires were small and quickly extinguished.

State budget constraints have limited the staffing of the statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers to high fire danger days. Despite the reduction in the number of days staffed, the fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting was supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. Several of the fires during the 2013 season, again threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees.

State Forestry Director
Brad Simpkins - 271-2214

State Forest Ranger
Steven Sherman - 788-4157

Warden
Allan R. Clark - 823-5748
549-2220-Pager

Deputy Warden
Doug Glover - 823-7007
823-8788-Work

Deputy Warden
Jim Snyder - 823-7704
348-7009-Cell



**Caledonia Essex Area Ambulance
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Well it has certainly been an exciting and busy year for us here at CALEX.

On March 1, 2013 CALEX began a new adventure across the river into New Hampshire serving the towns of Littleton, Easton, and Sugar Hill, operating out of the Littleton Fire Station on Main Street. Since March 1st CALEX has responded to 961 calls throughout these New Hampshire communities. In addition to 911 responses, the Agency is also the first called to provide emergency and non-emergency transports for Littleton Regional Hospital, transferring patients to various hospitals and facilities throughout New Hampshire and beyond based upon the specialty care needs of the patient or at the request of the patient. Our staff has integrated extremely well with the Littleton Fire Department as well as the additional public safety agencies and departments throughout Littleton, Easton, Sugar Hill and the adjoining communities to provide highly trained EMS professionals, staffing 24/7/365 at the Paramedic level. In addition the Agency provides the availability of a second ambulance also housed at the Littleton Fire Department for back-up station coverage and transfers between facilities.

On September 19, 2013 CALEX widened its Vermont coverage area at the request of the Management and Board of Directors of Danville Rescue Squad, Inc. Under contract the Agency provides its dedicated and professional emergency response staff to the citizens of the Towns of Danville, Peacham, and Walden, operating as DBA Danville Rescue. CALEX was enhanced as a number of the existing Danville Rescue members were added to its roster. Currently crews are staged at the Danville Rescue Squad Inc. station located at 379 Brainerd Street, from 0700-1900hrs and are responding from our St. Johnsbury based station during the night time hours. When poor weather threatens or exists, the Danville station is staffed at night as well.

CALEX Management, the Board of Directors, and the dedicated staff, continually strive to provide the best possible emergency medical care with the highest quality of professionals while at the same time maintaining strict financial controls. We utilize crew resource management by moving ambulances and staff across the region to provide coverage during peak demands on the system while at the same time keeping expenses as low as possible without risking patient care. This type of resource management represents the benefits of regionalization which will one day be the norm in pre-hospital emergency services. Sharing the capital costs, the operating expenses, and the benefits from excellence in emergency medical services across the region is the very basis that Caledonia Essex Area Ambulance Service Inc. a multi-county agency, was first formed to realize. As communities grow, populations increase, services are in higher demand, so too must the size of the region included in sharing expenses, assets, and income.

As is the case with nearly all of the ambulance services in Vermont and New Hampshire and most of those throughout the country as well, often the greatest challenges of operations are financial in nature. In response to these challenges and whenever possible, in advance of these challenges, all involved with the Agency work together to explore

ways to control expenses without sacrificing the quality CALEX has always and will always demand for its services. With the new healthcare changes now upon us and those still to come, the Management of CALEX holds real hope that greater financial flexibility will result allowing the Agency to move forward as it strives to continuously improve upon its services and prepare for increasing demands for services.

CALEX St. Johnsbury continues to serve as the area's American Heart Association CPR and First Aid Public Training Center. Classes are offered monthly to the public, they can also be arranged to be held privately, and are also held for large and small businesses throughout the Kingdom. Of course, having seen first-hand the positive difference immediate CPR and First Aid can make to patient outcomes, we urge everyone, from teens to seniors to take part in these classes. Imagine the joy in knowing you made the difference in saving a life, easing fears, and/or discomfort. Those who have been able to make the difference in even the life of a stranger will tell you how wonderful the experience truly is.

CALEX continues to provide Paramedic Intercept services to the surrounding areas beyond its primary service areas as well as Critical Care Paramedic Transport services to the most critically ill patients in our region. In 2013, we have realized amazing patient outcomes due in part, to the quality skills our crews have provided to our citizens and even those just passing through the area. Their dedication to training and to performing at the peak of their certification levels are exemplified by these outcomes. CALEX has received accolades from highly regarded Physicians in both Vermont and New Hampshire for the skills and knowledge that have been demonstrated by its crew members in 2013.

As we end 2013, having grown in less than a year as the primary ambulance service of six communities to now the primary service to 12 communities across Vermont and New Hampshire, with nearly 50 dedicated healthcare professionals on staff, we look forward to and are truly honored to continue to provide the best possible care to each person we serve throughout 2014 and beyond. Our crews, some who have served this Agency for as many as 20 years, continue to study and learn to reach greater certification levels and/or to reach excellence at their current certification levels. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful team and we believe those served by Caledonia Essex Area Ambulance Service, Inc. are indeed the true benefactors of their dedication.

In closing, I would like to thank all of our staff, their families, and the CALEX Board of Directors for their continued support and dedication to the Agency's mission.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Wright, NREMT-P
Chief Executive Officer

FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD

The Franconia Life Squad currently has four (4) members who are certified to provide Advanced Life Support, three (3) of which are nationally registered paramedics. The Franconia Life Squad at year's end has twelve (12) active members. A membership well prepared to assist our citizens and visitors to our area with quality emergency medical care.

All members are Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technicians. They are continually training and improving their skills. Each member must have a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education each year plus every two years must take an additional 24 hours of classroom refresher, where members must demonstrate their proficiency to State examiners.

Many of the members have other specialized training including ice rescue, swift water rescue, high angle rescue and motor vehicle extrication certifications. All of our members are certified in advance CPR and in the use of the heart monitor and defibrillator. Most importantly, all of our members are dedicated to providing compassionate emergency medical care from the scene to the hospital.

The Life Squad continues to seek its' membership by recruiting from the Towns of Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton, the same communities it provides service to. All volunteers are welcome to join. Each member is dedicated to providing the highest quality emergency care to the communities we serve.

The current list of active members of the Franconia Life Squad are:

Chief Paul Schmucker – EMT

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| Steve Czarnecki – EMT-P | Capt. Pam Oakman – AEMT | William Mead – EMT-P |
| Ned Wilson – EMT-B | Bill Blackwell – AEMT | Linda Mordhorst – EMT-B |
| Asst. Chief – Mark Taylor EMT | Allan Clark – EMT | Gareth Slattery – EMT-B |
| John Ireland – EMT | Zach Mangione – EMT-B | Susan Simpson – EMT-B |

The Franconia Life Squad responded to 263 calls for assistance during 2013, of those 144 required transport.

In 2013, the total operating expenses for the Franconia Life Squad were \$56,790. Income obtained from patient billing and subsidies from Sugar Hill totaled \$57,848. There was no subsidy recovered from Easton, although we did respond in Easton over six (6) times. The net cost for the operation of the Franconia Life Squad to the Town of Franconia being no cost and a surplus of \$1,058.

Your Life Squad is currently operating at the Advanced Life Support – paramedic level.

Again, I sincerely thank the townspeople for their continued support and the privilege of serving them. I especially thank the men and women of the Franconia Life Squad for their countless hours of dedication and sacrifice, serving others in their community.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Schmucker – Chief
Franconia Life Squad

RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

100 YEARS OF BUILDING COMMUNITY

Would you believe the Charles Francis Richardson Memorial Library was dedicated 100 years ago this fall? It began in 1897 Sugar Hill “parlors” with Bertha Hildreth’s collection of 800 books. In 1913, the same year we first had electricity, Librarian “Aunt Rusha’s” fulfilled a dream of a permanent home for 3,000 titles. Citizens raised money for the land and Elizabeth Richardson, in memory of her husband, built the Library. “...with the understanding it would be used solely as a free Library and a social center to be used by the residents of Sugar Hill.” Our current collection of over 13,000 books, movies and audio books loaned out more than 3600 times to adults and 3800 times to children (they read more books!) would please the dozens of past Librarians and Trustees of our small Town. But I think they’d be more pleased to know our current 430 book lovers treasure our one room “parlor” at the Crapo. And surely both Richardsons would be pleased that Richardson Memorial’s goal is to have another hundred years of continuing their tradition of creating community.

OUR MISSION

In 2013, we continued the mission of aggressively weeding, updating and replacing many of the shelf weary titles. In an 1800s article in the Dartmouth Literary Monthly Professor Richardson wrote”By constantly remembering that a Library is something for use; that it is a treasury, and not a tomb of learning and helpful wisdom; and that it has a life and growth of changing usefulness and therefore needs watchful and purposeful care as day after day goes by- we can greatly increase its possibilities of service and make it a living force instead of a waning memory.” We are proud we are being faithful to his beliefs that are still relevant today. We are taking the extra time and putting more focus on individuals’ requests and opinions, researching more reviews, and involving the community in the weeding and program selection process to ensure only the most loved titles by current patrons and quality literature remains on the shelf.

CHANGES

We are moving slowly with technology to be sure we do what’s right for Sugar Hill. By Town Meeting we hope to have completed the upgrade of all the technology. We have a very small Media Center [near the pink couch] that includes a smart TV and MAC MINI for small group access to the internet (Skyping anyone?), new programming and web-based workshops. WI-FI speed is the best it can be for now but we’ve greatly improved its reliability. We’ve purchased Ancestry and Heritage Quest and will fund a workshop this spring for anyone interested in genealogy. New devices can be taken to a quiet corner, e-readers can be borrowed for those with hearing/vision problems and even the pre-school set has a new Leap Frog2.

The demand for movies and audio books increased dramatically. Patrons have requested some movie nights so we will purchase a movie license. Also, the State would like us to automate. A \$7K startup, training cost, time, and annual \$3K expense would be imprudent in the middle of the reorganization. Right now “by hand” means we are

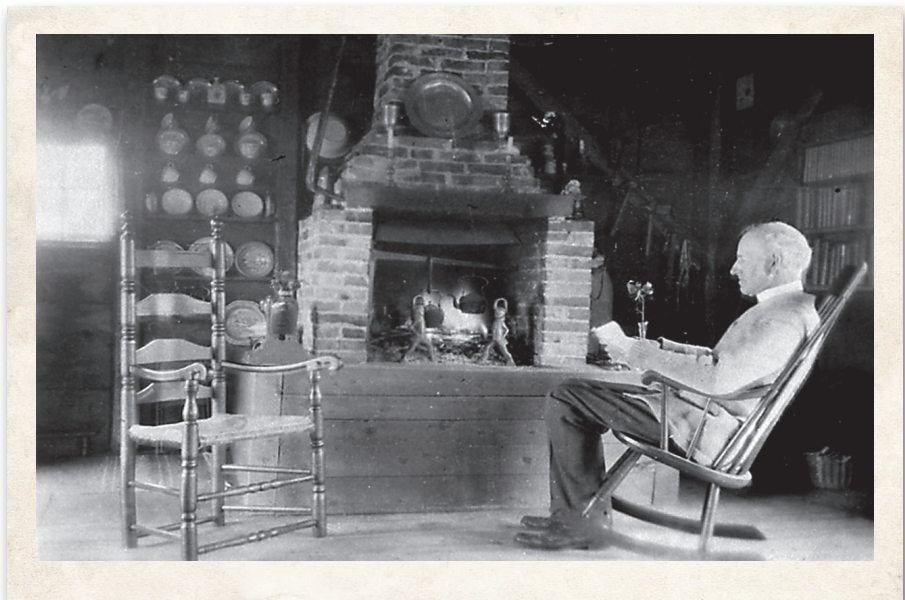
slower, not as efficient and need more time. We feel we can delay this substantial expense until it's critical or becomes irrelevant.

Programming took a back seat to reorganization but we had a wonderful turn out for our own Marshall Adair discussing his new book. When children drop in and it is not busy we offer projects or activities. As always our two projects with the Rossell sisters and Lafayette second graders was a lot of fun.

As the resources shift in 2014 from reorganization and replacement to programming, we'll begin to explore the use of Trust interest, volunteers and grants to meet the demand. While our emphasis will remain on filling our "parlor" with the current patrons' most loved books and quality literature, we hope even more citizens will drop in, make requests, get to meet your Sugar Hill neighbors, volunteer to share a talent or some experience, and in general keep your Library relevant. It's your "parlor" so come on in for a visit

From both Ingrid and Judy, a personal thank you to the patrons. You fill the "parlor" with joy week in and week out. Aunt Rusha would be pleased.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Weisenberger, Director



CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

Our major project this past year has been to write a Conservation Plan that will be part of the town Master Plan. We have evaluated Sugar Hill in terms of agricultural lands, rivers, streams, ponds, wetlands, wildlife, forests, scenic views, and recreation. Analyses of these resources are described in maps as well as text. At Town Meeting and at open meetings we obtained input from residents on which issues they considered most important and worked with professional land use planner Tara Bamford to present our findings to the Sugar Hill Planning Board.

Other conservation issues included continued opposition to the high voltage DC power line proposed by Northern Pass which would literally cut the town in half. We also collaborated with the towns of Easton, Franconia and Landaff in the establishment of the Cooley-Jericho Community Forest which abuts Sugar Hill and now adds great recreation and open space value to our town. In the spring of the year we worked with property owners abutting Coffin Pond in dealing with flooding of the pond beyond its banks.

We monitor invasive and harmful species of plants, animals and microorganisms reported to us. Two issues of concern this year were changes in the vegetation of Streeter Pond and identification of a small stand of *Phragmites* in Littleton. We assisted the State Department of Environmental Services in making a new survey of the aquatic vegetation of Streeter Pond which should provide a better picture of the changes occurring in the largest waterbody in the Town. We have offered to help the Littleton Conservation Commission remove the *Phragmites*, an invasive non-native species which has damaged wetland communities and wildlife habitat over much of the country. This infestation could spread to Sugar Hill with devastating effects on all the areas that now support beneficial cat-tail marshes.

We thank Ron Cole for his service on the Conservation Commission and welcome new member Bob Mancini to the commission. Dana Blais, of Bath, NH is the new Town of Sugar Hill Consultant Forester. The Commission will work with Mr. Blais on management of the Town forest, trails management, and reviewing intent to cut applications for logging permits. We also thank our student volunteer, Ross Branch, for his work improving the trails in the Town forest and we are looking into establishing more volunteer opportunities for young people in the community to help with trail development and maintenance.

We continue to assist property owners with issues related to state permits by reviewing applications for wetlands permits and we encourage people to contact us before they complete an application if they have any questions. We are available to assist other Town Boards as the need arises. We participate in the Adopt a Highway program by cleaning refuse from Route 117 and thank George Hartman for his help in this work. Jim Snyder also receives thanks for his improvements on the walking trail around Coffin Pond.

The Conservation Commission has limited funds available for grants to individuals or groups proposing projects that would benefit the Town as a whole. Applications are available in the Town Office and we encourage informal discussions with the Conservation Commission before application. We meet the third Thursday of each month in the Town building at 7:00 PM and welcome visitors to our meetings.

Respectfully submitted
Katherine Galligan, Chair
Conservation Commission

COOLEY-JERICO COMMUNITY FOREST REPORT

Thanks to the support of Sugar Hill, Easton, Franconia, Landaff, numerous individuals, and public and private funding, the Cooley-Jericho Community Forest was created in September. This 843-acre forest has great public recreational opportunities, includes critical wildlife habitat, protects headwater streams, preserves scenic views, offers educational uses, and will provide timber income to the towns over the long term. The Lafayette fourth grade has used the forest as an outdoor classroom and we invite all other schools in the area to do the same.

This winter, volunteers along with a consulting ecologist have been studying wildlife on the forest by inventorying animal tracks. This spring we will be doing bird surveys. Meanwhile the ecologist has mapped the entire property for forest condition and natural communities (and found more, larger trees than previously thought, along with a large remote beaver pond). All this information will go into a natural resources inventory and stewardship plan that will guide management of the forest. Recreational trail planning is also underway, with construction and mapping to start later this year. We will also improve a parking area off of Trumpet Round Road. On all of these efforts volunteers are needed and appreciated!

The management committee for the forest meets monthly. Sugar Hill representatives are Dan Kenerson and Justin Kline. Hikes, bird walks, and other activities are published in the local newspapers, posted at the Library, on the ACT website www.aconservationtrust.org and Facebook page, and on the project website www.cooley-jericho.org, now under construction.

The Cooley-Jericho Community Forest Plan describing the land, the soil and forest types, and goals and objectives for the forest is available on the Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust website.

TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION

2013 pretty much mirrored 2012. Market prices for recycled products remained the same with very little variance. Although we had a slight increase in hauling and tipping costs, this was offset by an increase in recycled goods, and a decrease in landfill tonnage. All in all, a good year. Thank you!

- Cardboard – 73.7 tons
- Mixed paper – 84.4 tons
- Aluminum – 3.2 tons
- Tin – 6.6 tons
- Plastics – 22.6 tons
- Scrap Metal – 24.1 tons
- Glass – 111.9 tons
- Textiles – 4.2 tons
- Electronics – 7.50 tons
- Propane Tanks – 1.2 tons
- Tires – 5.8 tons

Respectfully submitted,
Your Transfer Station Crew,
Greg Wells, Manager
Kevin Dauphine
Nate Hartford
Corey Rush

ENERGY COMMITTEE

The following graph shows energy use in the Town of Sugar Hill for 2013.

| Department | Electric | Gas | Diesel | #2 Heating | Total |
|-----------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Meetinghouse | 1,127.97 | | | 4,640.89 | 5,768.86 |
| Crapo | 3,415.09 | | | 5,129.45 | 8,544.54 |
| Fire | 1,367.63 | 74.94 | 1,196.67 | 3,199.27 | 5,838.51 |
| Highway | 2,164.92 | 120.23 | 29,063.78 | 7,086.04 | 38,434.97 |
| Police | | 7,431.22 | | | 7,431.22 |
| Build & Grounds | | 1,243.23 | 1,348.09 | | 2,591.32 |
| Streetlights | 9,292.66 | | | | 9,292.66 |
| Total | \$17,368.27 | \$8,869.62 | \$31,608.54 | \$20,055.65 | \$77,902.08 |

PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

2013 Annual Report

This past year, the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District continued its cooperative efforts to promote waste reduction, increase recycling, and to provide residents with a means of properly disposing of their household hazardous wastes (HHW). The District held two (2) one-day collections, one in Littleton and the other in Plymouth. A total of 220 vehicles came to the collections. In 2013, we hired Clean Venture, Inc. to be our contractor. The District was very impressed with the staff's work effort and the professionalism that they exhibited. Both collections ran very smoothly and without any issues.

The total disposal costs were \$21,492 (Down from \$30,860 in 2012). The District was awarded a grant from the State of NH for \$5,490. It also received \$5,000 from Casella Waste and \$3,500 from North Country Council. The net expenditure for the HHW collections was \$7,502 (a cost of \$.24 per resident). The table below highlights the District's HHW collection data since 2009. The District also coordinated the pickup of fluorescent light bulbs that had been collected at member towns' recycling facilities. Over 44,000 feet of straight fluorescent tubing along with compact fluorescents and other types of fluorescents were recycled.

In 2014, the District will hold collections in Littleton (Sunday, August 24th) and in Plymouth (Saturday, September 27th). Individual residents can help keep the District's disposal costs down and reduce the toxicity of the environment by remembering a few of these helpful tips; Buy only what you need. If you have leftover product, properly store it so it will last. Use biological controls and organic products for pests and diseases in the garden when feasible. Apply chemical pesticides only as a last resort and be sure to follow the directions on the label. Lastly, air-dry your leftover latex paint. When completely dried, latex paint may be disposed of in your household trash.

As always, citizens interested in participating in the development of the District's programs are welcome to attend the District's meetings. Information regarding the place and time of the meetings is available at all municipal offices and recycling centers. If at any time an individual community needs assistance in regards to their solid waste/recycling program, please contact the District at 838-6822 or by email at pemibakerswd@yahoo.com

Respectively submitted,
Dan Woods, District Coordinator

THE WILLING WORKERS SOCIETY

The Willing Worker's Society is a non-sectarian, non-profit, charitable organization whose purpose is to serve the community.

This year we welcomed two new members, Betsy Fraser and Karen Kiepert. Memorial donations were made to St. Rose of Lima Church in memory of former member Rita Congdon and also longtime Willing Worker friend, Brenda Manix. For years Brenda baked and gave many loafs of zucchini bread for our sale. Pat Brown, Marilyn Havens, Carol Young and I made sandwiches and filled Brenda's dining room table with refreshments provided by her family after her service.

Instead of summer sale we served bag lunches Saturday and Sunday during the Lupine Festival. The decorated bags were furnished by Kitty Bigelow, and filled with a sandwich, dessert and beverage. Members furnished bread, cookies, potato chips, squares and Sue Rysanek made tomato bisque soup. Five members assisted with packing of bags and serving the public. In addition upstairs Grandmas Attic was open and a display of items was for sale, supervised by four members.

Floradale planted the outside flower boxes, and Phil Rysanek watered and fertilized all summer. Thanks to Phil they looked great.

We were given a very generous donation which enabled us to give two scholarships to Sugar Hill students, Madeline Hansalik and Nicholas Christofferson.

Fifty five people attended the family and friend celebration for Elaine Burpee at the Crapo Building given by her four daughters. Four Willing Workers helped move card tables and supplies from the Meetinghouse to set up at Crapo. Elaine's daughters supplied and prepared food. The Willing Workers provided sandwiches and beverages with Lissa Boissonneault and Wendy Cole helping to serve and clean up. Cards were given to Elaine and her cousin videotaped the guests and their good wishes for a nice remembrance of the event.

We held our Christmas Sale in November as usual, I want to thank all those members including the men that helped carry items up and downstairs and also those who donated food and items for the sale. A BIG thank you to Jeanne Rings daughter Babette for all her handmade scarfs, they were so beautiful, warm and popular.

In November the Willing Workers served at the reception for Harold Aldrich's memorial. I want to thank Allan Clark, and all the Firemen and their wives for supplying the delicious sandwiches and desserts. A special thanks to Zora Kinney for her work in coordinating in calling and to the members of the Willing Workers who helped set and clean up.

We had our Christmas get together at Kitty Bigelows again this year and enjoyed a delicious potluck and gift exchange. Thank you Kitty.

This is the 121st year of the Town Christmas Party. 55 children received gifts given by eight elves assisting Santa. Thank you to the residents who made cookies for this event and to Kesley Venezia, and Madeline Ellms for decorating the tree. Thanks to Dennis & Kathie Cote, Jim Keefe, Doug Glover, Kathy Jablonski, and Mike Warren for their assistance with this event and gratitude to the person who helped fill Santa's bag. Poinsettias were given to 8 shut-ins. Donations were made to North Country Home Health, Littleton Senior Center, Bancroft House, David's House, Franconia Life Squad and Franconia Food Bank, Fuel assistance for Franconia and Sugar Hill residents, and the Burch House. Nonperishable items were given to the Good Neighbor Food Kitchen. Elaine Burpee resigned as Vice President this year after serving for 13 years; she was given a gift certificate for all her hard work as a thank you from all of us.

I am grateful to everyone who continues to support the Willing Workers.

2014 Officers

President: Sylvia Hutchinson
Vice Presidents: Alice Hunt & Sue Rysanek
Treasurer: Ann Christofferson
Secretary: Maxine Aldrich
Hospitality & Food Contributions: Carol Young

Respectfully submitted,
Sylvia Hutchinson
President



SUGAR HILL HISTORICAL MUSEUM REPORT

We counted 1568 visitors this past summer. Our theme was *The Cookery*, and by listening to our guests, we heard that they were very pleased with our efforts.

The spring newsletter contained many photographs describing the massive construction work accomplished under the sagging Carriage Barn. We were extremely fortunate to receive an anonymous matching grant. We asked for extra financial help from our members. Our museum crew sponsored two successful bake sales, sold many copies of the cookbook *From the kitchen of Peckett's-on-Sugar Hill*, and organized the raffle for the Sugar Hill maple cordwood. With everyone's efforts from June to October, we reached our financial goal. Mission accomplished. The museum buildings are slowly being updated.

The gift shop, managed again by Ann Hartmann, was filled with new attractive gifts and antiques reflecting the annual theme. We are happy that Ann has already begun her plans for 2014.

At the Annual Board meeting, October 22, the Staff and Trustees accepted the resignation from Maxine Aldrich who served as a Trustee for many years. We all complimented Maxine for her many years of dedicated service.

Behind the scenes of the exhibits is constant work by our team. In designing a new exhibit, the curators have many meetings and decide how they will fill our rectangular-sized room with the featured artifacts in an interesting manner. A new show, *Once upon a Time* . . . is already in the works for 2014. Our seasonal guidebook will have a new size and format and created by Carl and Nancy Martland.

The *Boston Post*, founded in 1831, was a very popular daily newspaper. In 1909, Edwin A Grazier, Boston Post publisher, created a publicity stunt, which has become tradition. He sent gold-headed canes to 700 New England Towns. Sugar Hill was not a Town until 1962. The Sugar Hill Historical Museum staff decided that Sugar Hill should have a cane. Amongst our artifacts we found a "Sugar Hill" cane. The museum-sponsored cane is now mounted in the Carolina Crapo Memorial building. The cane will honor the oldest resident living in Sugar Hill. A certificate will be awarded each time the cane is passed along to our oldest resident.

Katharine H. Bigelow, Director/Curator

SUGAR HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Founded in 1890, the Sugar Hill Improvement Association is a community-based charitable organization dedicated to the benefit of its citizens and the betterment and beautification of the village of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire

All residents of Sugar Hill of legal voting age are members of the association. We meet downstairs in the Crapo Building quarterly or more often if necessary. Please consider coming out and joining us. The Officers of the Board of Directors include Beverly Frenkiewich, President- Lissa Boissonneault, Vice President- Kathie Cote, Secretary and Sid Regen, Treasurer.

In keeping with the Mr. Crapo's Will the association continues to give Book Awards to Sugar Hill residents graduating from High School, who will be continuing their education. This year we gave out a first year Book Award to Luke Anneser. Second Year awards are given when the students show evidence that they will continue with their education and they have met the grade level requirement.

This year we were able to see many projects get finalized that we have been talking about for some time.

For the Meeting House we contributed to the purchase of new folding indoor tables and purchased a new outside picnic table.

For the Carolina Crapo Building, we purchased two outside benches. Also, we provided the materials to refurbish the kitchen. Thank you, Jim Keefe for your beautiful workmanship. We had a "half court" basketball area installed next to the baseball field with an adjustable hoop and backboard so players of all ages can enjoy shooting baskets.

In front of the flag pole we moved a native rock from Sugar Hill and placed a bronze memorial plaque with the insignia of all five branches of the services on which reads "IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF ALL SUGAR HILL VETERANS WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY ". Thank you, Lissa Boissonneault for finding and donating the rock. We also purchased 20 more American Flags for the poles along Route 117. We wish to thank Road Agent Doug Glover and the Highway Department for their work on both projects.

We are always open to new ideas for things that will benefit the people of Sugar Hill. If you have an idea you would like us to think about please speak to one of our officers.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly A Frenkiewich

LAFAYETTE RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Lafayette Recreation Department has had another great year. A huge THANK YOU goes out to all who made this happen.

The Old Home Day, Franconia Scramble, Top Notch Triathlon, Fox Hill 5K Trail Run, Halloween Cup Soccer Tournament, Wobble & Gobble pi(e) Fun Run and the Summer Concerts were all very successful, bringing people and revenue to our towns. We hope to improve upon all of the above and add new events when possible.

A new shed was erected this spring on the Dow with proceeds from last year's events and has been a great addition to the park and provides much needed storage for sports equipment. This year we purchased a 2011 passenger van. We are very excited for all the opportunities of adventure that await us!

The ice skating has been very good and the rink is getting lots of use; Family Skate Night, birthday parties, after school activities, Lafayette Elementary School Winter Program, tourists, second home owners and local residents have all come out to play.

There are abundant trails in the three towns and we are in a continuous process of inventorying, maintaining, mapping and making signs with trail information. An updated map was published last spring and is available at local stores. Anyone interested in adopting a trail should email recreation@franconianh.org

Youth soccer, baseball, softball and basketball had excellent attendance and successes along the way. Thank you very much to all the coaches who give so much of their time to these programs and our kids.

Kris Kappler has done another outstanding job of organizing all the youth teams, and the summer program. Without her dedication and organizational skills our heads would spin. A good leader brings out the best in the staff and our team of recreation counselors proves just that.

The Lafayette Recreation Committee meets the first Thursday of every month the location to be announced. Check the Recreation Department website, www.lafayetterecreation.weebly.com for all kinds of fun and information.

Watch for next summer's schedule and participate in the "SNAP SHOT CHALLENGE." You'll find the pictures at www.franconianh.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Lafayette Committee Members

Franconia: Jeff Malcolm, Beth Horan & Adam Boyer

Sugar Hill: Haley Ireland & Launa Glover

Easton: Sue Ford & Matt Koehler

Lafayette Regional School: Gordie Johnk

Kris Kappler, Youth Program Director

Kim Cowles, Park & Recreation Director

FRANCONIA NOTCH REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2013 REPORT

2013 was a year of remodeling for the chamber. The Bylaws were updated to meet the changing structure and mission of the chamber. Two important amendments have provided us with a 12 person board of directors, and moved our annual dinner meeting & silent auction back to late October to benefit our growing membership of tourism businesses that belong to other North Country chambers to avoid conflicts of annual business meetings.

New committees have been established for the purpose of building a more effective chamber to meet the ever increasing changes in technology and marketing, and to better meet our mission and purpose. These are Membership Committee, Events Committee, Marketing Committee and Finance Committee- all dedicated to (1) Improve and increase the two allowable methods of producing income allowed by our non-profit 501C-6 status, and (2) . Address the constant change in technology, media and advertising pieces to keep pace with other chambers and organizations in strengthening our tourism economy.

We enjoyed our first tourism season at our Main Street location. We chose not to staff the information booth so visitors would be attracted to our new Main Street location. This move brought visitors, vacationers and guests to Main Street where they could find needed services and be closer to local amenities. We provided indoor Wi-Fi service, and more information through our member brochures and map displays. The location made it much easier to handle the most prevalent questions- “directions to”, “scenic tours” and all things White Mountains and Franconia Notch State Park. Visitors more easily understood our maps and scenic routes that loop in all directions from I-93 (routes 3, 18, 116, 117, 302, 112).

Member brochures, maps and the bulletin board were maintained at the information booth for access 24/7. The Board is looking at other options for location of the booth due to the increase in parking needs for town business, meetings and local traffic.

The Annual Fields of Lupine Festival celebrated its 20th anniversary with a parade to lead off the festivities. Our thanks to Messrs Woo and Mellekas, Mrs. Whitney and the students of Lafayette School for the success of this anniversary parade.

Please visit our website page franconianotch.org/things-to-do/special-events/ for listings on our four season events, new and traditional.

We continue to collaborate with other area chambers and White Mountain Attractions in providing events and advertising, while we seek better ways to strengthen our budget for marketing, media and website development.

We are pleased to introduce our new Social Media Manager, Meg Brown of Sugar Hill, (MegaBug Photography, LLC) who has volunteered to provide these services for us.

We thank the Towns of Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton for their continuing support and encouragement of the Chamber to be their voice in promoting our area as a four season destination to visit, recreate, discover and explore for the unique beauty of our western White Mountains, our quality of life, history and hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Ashley, Executive Director

FRANCONIA NOTCH REGION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

January 2013 through December 2013

INCOME

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Membership Dues | \$36,284.00 |
| Town Contribution Income | 16,900.00 |
| Ads (Brochures / Newsletter / Mailers / Website) | 6,931.25 |
| Business Discount Cards | 505.00 |
| Chamber Annual Dinner Meeting & Auction | 10,403.50 |
| Event Income (Moose Golf Tourney / Lupine Festival Old Home Day) | <u>15,270.63</u> |

TOTAL INCOME

\$86,294.38

EXPENSES

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Office Expense | \$11,652.80 |
| Payroll Wages (1.5 Employees) | 34,198.99 |
| Payroll Tax Expense | 2,848.92 |
| Total Marketing | 13,477.57 |
| Chamber Annual Dinner Meeting & Auction | 5,854.38 |
| Total Events Expense | <u>12,429.85</u> |

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$80,462.51

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|----------------------|-------------|
| Net Ordinary Income | \$ 5,831.87 |
| Other Income/Expense | 3.99 |

NET INCOME

\$ 5,835.86

REPORT FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE REBECCA BROWN

The first year of the biennium (two year session) of the NH General Court resulted in a balanced budget without resorting to gambling revenue. Nevertheless, proposals to legalize gambling will return this year, and support seems to be growing. Last year the House rejected a proposal to allow one casino in the state, while the Senate passed the bill. The Governor favors a casino.

Gambling is just one of the issues that I'd like to hear from you on. Others include repealing the death penalty, legalizing or decriminalizing marijuana, raising the gas tax, Medicaid expansion, and various gun control measures.

I write about what happens down there in a column published in the Bridge Weekly and The Courier, called "Freshman Year." I'd be happy to e-mail you these directly, and I post them on my legislative website, www.nhstaterepbrown.com. You can reach me at 823-8119 and e-mail Rebecca.brown@leg.state.nh.us.

I urge you to come to Concord on a Wednesday and see the Legislature in action. With so many bills before us (800 at last count), it's kind of like our New England weather: if you don't like it wait five minutes and another issue will be debated!

The lovely thing about our process is that it is so open: anyone can get a bill before the NH House. This is as close to direct democracy as you can get. There are many smart, dedicated people down there who genuinely do their best to make sensible decisions. The downside of the system is its inefficiency. Every bill gets a hearing, which takes a great deal of time. Time could be spent to better effect, in committees and on the House floor, in examining and understanding the major issues.

The underlying major issue that affects all others is what we want our State government to do and how we pay for it. A related issue is how we know we are getting what we pay for. For a small State that presumes to have small government, it is astonishing how complex and multi-layered our State regulations are. That's not to say we don't need regulations. But we keep layering them on – nearly every one of those 800 bills proposes some sort of new law or regulation.

The North Country is not well understood (or even located on map) by many legislators. Since we are completely outnumbered, we have to be smart about how we work together and how we bring attention to our issues. We in the North Country delegation have been pretty good about crossing party lines on certain key issues, such as burying new industrial scale electric transmission lines like Northern Pass (passed the House, now before the Senate).

It is a privilege and honor to represent Sugar Hill. Please don't hesitate to call or e-mail.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca A. Brown

REPORT FROM YOUR NORTH COUNTRY SENATOR JEFF WOODBURN



Dear Constituent,

It is an honor to serve as your State Senator representing District 1, which includes 58-rural, northern communities, encompassing 27 percent of the State's landmass. It is a region larger than two states and 77 foreign countries and containing fewer than twenty people per square mile.

The North Country, including the White Mountains regions has a uniquely different culture, landscape, economy and history from the rest of the state. It is my focus to ensure that State government understands this and doesn't forget us. Our needs, challenges and opportunities are different. At the top of my priority list is stabilizing our fragile economy while improving the quality of life for our people. This means expanding Medicaid for low-wage workers and rural hospitals, increasing the minimum wage and opposing the Northern Pass project.

In the Senate, my goal has been to be practical and to work with everyone to get results for our region. To this end, I'm proud to be the chamber's most independent member and recognized by Business NH magazines as one of the most influential members. But voting is only a part of my work; in the tradition of my mentor, the late Executive Councilor Ray Burton, I have been accessible and available to my constituents, holding Town Hall meetings, office hours and tours for State leaders. I have tried when possible and appropriate to bend State Government to meet the needs of rural people and rural communities.

I love being the voice for the North Country and am constantly inspired by our people and places that make our beloved home so special.

Be in touch, if I can of assistance to you or your community.

Regards,
Jeff Woodburn

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL

As we celebrate our 40th year of regional planning, opportunities to make the organization more sustainable have never been greater but we need your membership support. NCC and its communities will face challenges in the coming months, particularly in such a large remote region, experiencing both accelerated change and declining State and Federal funding. But this is the very reason for the existence of North Country Council - to be aware of problems and pressures and to be ready to provide assistance and advice to each Town and to lead the region forward.

North Country Council is your Council. It is responsive to your requirements and requests, and above all, it is willing and capable of successfully addressing your needs, large and small. As one of our greatest supporters Colonel Oliver Nelson put it, “Over the past several years, the Council and my small Town have worked closely together on problems with both local and regional impact. The solutions have saved my Town money, solved the problems, and provided the Council with yet more knowledge and experience which could be used to assist other Towns in the North Country.”

Building communities and regional capacity is no small task and certainly is not a straight forward one. To prepare for the future, the NCC Board of Directors and Staff just completed a strategic planning process to meet our regional challenges head on. North Country Council’s FY 2014-2016 Strategic Plan not only reorients our regional planning focus to our seven sub regions including Upper Coos, Lancaster area, Androscoggin Valley, Littleton area, Haverhill area, Plymouth area, and Mount Washington Valley but identifies five strategic priorities that the organization is determined to address in the next three years. These five strategic priorities are:

- Leadership
- Evaluation and Assessment
- Financial Sustainability and Asset Utilization
- Stakeholder and Public Relations
- Strategic Development

NCC is now stronger and better prepared for the future as a result of the FY 2014-2016 Strategic Plan.

Thank you for your on-going support of The North Country Council and our mission to strengthen the North Country. If there is a project or a need in your Town, please call us because we are at your service.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey R. Hayes
Executive Director

NORTHERN HUMAN SERVICES

WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH - 2013 Director's Report

The past year has been extremely challenging for Community Mental Health. As the need for responsive and effective mental health and substance abuse treatment increases, the resources continue to shrink. One has only to open a newspaper, a web browser or listen to the nightly news to realize that untreated mental illness can result not only in personal distress, physical illness, disruption of families and loss of employment productivity, but also in loss of life – most commonly through suicide, but also through homicide. Although we may feel insulated from the kind of terrible events that have happened in Newtown Connecticut and other communities across the country, we are actually not immune. A strong mental health system available to everyone in the community is crucial to assure that people who are struggling receive help. Northern Human Services is proud to be the behavioral health safety net for our communities. No other organization provides the kind of comprehensive 24/7 services that extend far beyond office-based counseling. These services include day and nighttime mental health evaluations at local hospital emergency rooms, 24/7 telephone access to a psychiatrist, same day treatment in crisis situations, expert behavioral health response to local disasters in schools, municipalities and places of business and home and community-based services.

To continue to keep our communities safe and healthy, we need the support of our towns. In 2013 Northern Human Services – White Mountain Mental Health provided services to 973 unduplicated persons. These people received 10,114 hours of service. The full cost of these services was \$1,163,110. We are asking our towns to contribute less than 2% of this cost to assist us in maintaining our sliding fee scale, our emergency services system and our assistance, at no charge, in the event of school, community and workplace tragedies.

Thank you for your history of support – we want to be there when you need us!

Respectfully submitted,
Jane C. MacKay, LICSW
Area Director

AMMONOOSUC COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

ACHS has been a vital part of the community since 1975 and **provides comprehensive primary preventive health care to anyone, regardless of their ability to pay.**

While many of our services are paid for through Medicare, Medicaid and grants, our reimbursements through federal, state and county programs fall short of actual expenses and recent budget cuts at all levels have made it even more difficult. Support from the Town of Sugar Hill is extremely important in the continued effort to provide affordable health care services to the 26 rural towns in our service area.

Our uninsured and under-insured patient populations have been on the rise due to economic conditions – mainly loss of jobs and employer benefits. Our sliding fee scale for payment of services provides a vehicle for these patients to get the health care they need in a timely manner, preventing a possible costly emergency room visit or, worse yet, hospitalization because they could not afford to go to the doctor prior to the emergent episode. Keeping just one patient out of the ER could save taxpayers \$1,000-\$1,500 (average cost of an ER visit).

Services Provided

- Comprehensive Primary Preventive Medical Care - Wellness Screening, Pediatrics, Chronic Disease Management, Geriatrics, Acute Illness Care
- Prenatal Care - Childbirth Education, Nurse/Midwife Service and Newborn Care
- Family Planning - Birth Control, STD and HIV Testing and Counseling
- Breast & Cervical Cancer Screening Program
- Behavioral Health - Counseling
- Oral Health Referrals and Voucher Program
- Pharmacy Services - In-house Pharmacy, Medication Management, Low-Cost Drug Program
- Financial Services - Sliding Fee Scale for eligible patients

ACHS Statistics

- Number of Unduplicated Medical Clients Served – 9,443
- Number of Medical Visits – 33,288
- Client/Payor Mix: 14.4 % Medicaid, 19.6% Medicare, 19.3% Uninsured, 46.7% Insured
- Value of free medications provided to our patients - \$828,206
- Value of discounted health care services provided to our patients - \$1,170,505 (Sliding Fee Scale)

Town of Sugar Hill Statistics

Total # of Patients - 179

Total # of Medicaid Patients - 8

Total # of Medicare Patients - 43

Total # of Self-Paying Patients - 9

Total # of Sliding Fee Scale Patients - 15

Respectfully submitted,
Edward D. Shanshala II, MSHSA, MSED

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our communities' older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln; and sponsors the Grafton County ServiceLink Resource Center and RSVP and the Volunteer Center. Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, community dining programs, transportation, outreach and counseling, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2013-13, 21 older residents of Sugar Hill were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Littleton Area Senior Center and 9 residents were assisted by ServiceLink:

- Older adults from Sugar Hill enjoyed 45 balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.
- The received 244 hot, nutritious meals delivered to their homes.
- The Senior Center buses provided transportation to medical appointments, Shopping, or other services, including the daily meal and activities at the Center , on 8 occasions.
- Sugar Hill residents received assistance with access to benefits, caregiver support or issues of long-term care through 29 contacts with ServiceLink or the GCSCC outreach worker.
- Sugar Hill's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 110 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Sugar Hill residents in 2012-13 was \$3,207.45.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Sugar Hill's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Roberta Berner,
Executive Director

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension's mission is to provide New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information to enhance their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy.

Five full-time Extension Specialists are based out of our North Haverhill office located in the County Complex. Deborah Maes; Food Safety and Community & Economic Development, Kathleen Jablonski; Youth and Family, Heather Bryant; Food & Agriculture, Dave Falkenham; Natural Resources and Michal Lunak; State Dairy Specialist. Donna Lee serves as Program Coordinator supporting our 4-H Club structure and Master Gardener Volunteers. Lisa Ford, providing Nutrition Education to at-risk audiences, is located at the Whole Village Family Resource Center in Plymouth. Kristina Vaughan and Teresa Locke provide office support and initial phone and office contact with our clients.

Here are some of our noteworthy impacts during the past year:

A Memorandum of Understanding between the Grafton County Commissioners, the Executive Committee of the Grafton County Delegation and the University of New Hampshire was renewed.

Deb Maes worked with a team of colleagues across the state to reach underserved clients as part of the Granite State Future project. Small individual focus groups as well as regional sessions gave people a chance to talk about their communities and their needs. Dave Falkenham completed a National Resources Inventory for the town of Easton and also completed site visits on 8000 acres of privately owned forestland throughout the county to help landowners manage their private woodlots. Heather Bryant is collaborating with the Grafton County Farm to conduct a variety trial of late blight resistant tomatoes. Donna Lee worked to restructure 4-H club leader trainings that included on-line training modules. Michal Lunak organized statewide workshops on forage production and dairy feed focusing on growing new forage crops and innovative uses of old forages. Heather Bryant worked with a state-wide team to prepare for the implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act and its impact on local farms.

Kathy Jablonski helped create a 4-H Healthy Living website as well as a 4-H Club Challenge, promoting the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award and healthy living resources. Lisa Ford is working in schools to teach good eating habits to students. As a result of her efforts teachers report that students are "connecting physical activity to their hearts and bodies being healthy." Heather Bryant and colleagues worked to revamp the Pesticide Applicator Training program to become a "flipped classroom" to make it easier for participants to study information prior to the education session. Volunteer Master Gardeners worked on a Butterfly and Rain Garden Project at the newly remodeled Minot-Sleeper Library in Bristol.

Volunteers serve on the Grafton County Extension Advisory Council and also provide local support for our programs as Covert Cooperators, 4-H Leaders and Master Gardeners. Advisory Council Membership for 2012-2013 included Kathleen Taylor and Martha McLeod, Franconia; Frank Hagan, Bethlehem; Luther Kinney, Sugar Hill; Mary Ames, Bath; Pauline Corzilius, Pike; Joan Pushee, Plymouth, Jon Martin, Bristol; Emilie Shipman, Enfield; Joan Osgood and Hal Covert, Piermont; and Catherine Flynn, North Haverhill. They are joined by State Representative Charles Townsend of Canaan and County Commissioners led by Chair Michal Cryans.

Be sure to look for us on Facebook and Twitter and on-line at www.extension.unh.edu.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Maes, County Office Administrator

CENTER FOR NEW BEGINNINGS

2013 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

During 2013 The Center for New Beginnings provided care to over 1200 individuals throughout Grafton and Coos counties and from some neighboring communities in Vermont as well. We logged over 6000 hours of outpatient care appointments. Of these, we served 11 individuals from Sugar Hill, providing 106 hours of care to these residents. We are thankful for the supportive donation from the Town of Sugar Hill last year. These town donations make up a fund that is used to assist clients who may be “under-insured”, meaning that their co-pays may be high for their incomes, or that have high yearly deductibles to meet before insurance will pay for services. It is important at times to be able to reduce the extra stress of financial concerns so that mental and emotional healing

When people are mentally healthy they are better employees, more conscientious parents, and able to positively contribute to our community. Healthy children do better in school, learn to manage behaviors that are disruptive in class, and grow up to be resilient adults. Individuals who are mentally stable are much less likely to commit crimes or wreak havoc among their families, coworkers, and acquaintances. Everyone benefits from a population that is mentally healthy.

Please contact us if you would like to learn more about the counseling services we provide for individuals and their families, or our Employee Assistance Program, a confidential counseling and referral resource program for employees and their family members to help them deal with personal and work-related issues.

Good works have always relied upon the generosity of good people. Thank you for your support.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Bouchard
Executive Director

VALUATION OF TOWN EQUIPMENT

FIRE DEPARTMENT

| Equipment | Purchase Price | Book Value | Life in Years | Depreciation For Year |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 2005 Motorola Radios Mobile (7) | \$ 28,000.00 | \$ 15,200.00 | 15 | \$1,600.00 |
| 2006 Motorola Radios Portable (18) | 54,000.00 | 28,800.00 | 15 | 3,600.00 |
| 2007 Motorola Base Radio (1) | 8,000.00 | 4,796.00 | 15 | 534.00 |
| 1939 Ford Antique Truck | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 10 | -0- |
| 1990 Chevrolet Pickup | 13,400.00 | 0.00 | 5 | -0- |
| 1998 Freightliner Engine | 75,000.00 | 30,000.00 | 25 | 3,000.00 |
| 2004 Ford Light Rescue Truck | 105,000.00 | 67,200.00 | 20 | 4,200.00 |
| 2006 Sterling Fire Engine | 175,000.00 | 126,000.00 | 25 | 7,000.00 |
| 2013 International – Fire Engine | 254,000.00 | 243,840.00 | 25 | 10,160.00 |
| 4,000 ft. 4” Hose | 20,000.00 | -0- | 15 | -0- |
| Stationary SCBA Air Compressor | 20,000.00 | -0- | 20 | -0- |
| 22 Sets of PPE | 66,000.00 | -0- | 10 | -0- |
| 10 SCBA with Spare Cylinders | 50,000.00 | -0- | 10 | -0- |
| Mobile SCBA Fill Station | 10,000.00 | -0- | 20 | -0- |
| Infrared Camera | 9,000.00 | -0- | 15 | -0- |
| 25 Pagers | 9,700.00 | -0- | 10 | -0- |
| Portable Pump | 4,000.00 | -0- | 15 | -0- |
| Floating Portable Pump | 2,500.00 | -0- | 15 | -0- |
| Honda 6kw Generator | 5,000.00 | -0- | 15 | -0- |
| Light Tower – Rescue Truck | 6,000.00 | 5,600.00 | 15 | 400.00 |
| Fire Hose 2.5 – 400’ | 1,200.00 | 1,120.00 | 15 | 80.00 |
| Miscellaneous Equipment | <u>110,000.00</u> | <u>-0-</u> | 15 | <u>-0-</u> |
| TOTAL | \$1,026,800.00 | \$522,556.00 | | \$30,574.00 |

POLICE EQUIPMENT

| Equipment | Purchase Price | Book Value | Life in Years | Depreciation For Year |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 2013 Ford Interceptor | \$28,686.00 | \$19,124.00 | 3 | \$9,562.00 |
| Cruiser Equipment | 3,000.00 | 600.00 | 5 | 600.00 |
| Cruiser Motorola Radio | 2,800.00 | 2,333.00 | 6 | 467.00 |
| Digital Ally Cruiser Video System | 4,000.00 | 800.00 | 5 | 800.00 |
| Motorola Mobile Radio | 2,500.00 | 500.00 | 5 | 500.00 |
| Motorola Portable Radios (4) | 24,000.00 | 4,000.00 | 6 | 4,000.00 |
| Base Radio Kenwood 2008 | 965.00 | 772.00 | 5 | 193.00 |
| Radar Equipment | 1,000.00 | 200.00 | 5 | 200.00 |
| Radar Kustom | 1,000.00 | -0- | 2 | 0.00 |
| Body Armor (3) | 2,700.00 | -0- | 2 | -0- |
| Office Equipment | 4,684.00 | 1,176.00 | 3 | 588.00 |
| Sig 40mm Handguns (4) | 2,400.00 | 0.00 | 6 | 400.00 |
| Mossburg Shotgun | 500.00 | 200.00 | 20 | 25.00 |

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|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|----|--------------------|
| Taser | 950.00 | 760.00 | 5 | 190.00 |
| Taser | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 5 | 300.00 |
| AR 15 | 900.00 | 540.00 | 10 | 90.00 |
| AR 15 | <u>1,200.00</u> | <u>840.00</u> | 10 | <u>120.00</u> |
| TOTAL | \$82,785.00 | \$33,345.00 | | \$18,035.00 |

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

| Equipment | Purchase Price | Book Value | Life in Years | Depreciation For Year |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 1995 Brush Bandit Chipper | 15,000.00 | 1,500.00 | 20 | 750.00 |
| 1996 Motorola Mobile Radio | 600.00 | 90.00 | 20 | 30.00 |
| Miscellaneous Mobile Equipment | 45,000.00 | 18,250.00 | 20 | 2,250.00 |
| Rosco Hydropac Hot Top Roller | 10,000.00 | 0.00 | 10 | 0.00 |
| York Rake | 3,000.00 | 1,050.00 | 20 | 150.00 |
| Culvert Thawer w/Trailer | 4,500.00 | 650.00 | 10 | 450.00 |
| 2003 Sweepster Brom for 416 Cat | 8,500.00 | 1,802.00 | 15 | 566.00 |
| 2004 Hudson Trailer 10 ton | 8,900.00 | 4,895.00 | 20 | 445.00 |
| 2005 Sander E2020 | 14,000.00 | 3,372.00 | 15 | 933.00 |
| 2007 Komatsu Excavator | 93,500.00 | 65,450.00 | 20 | 4,675.00 |
| 1985 Cat 130 Motor Grader | 65,000.00 | 52,001.00 | 15 | 4,333.00 |
| 2012 John Deere Loader | 106,400.00 | 101,080.00 | 20 | 5,320.00 |
| 2000 Cat 416C Loader/Backhoe | 87,500.00 | 10,501.00 | 15 | 5,833.00 |
| 2005 Mack Dump Truck | 107,543.00 | 63,490.00 | 15 | 7,170.00 |
| 2011 Ford F350 Pick Up | 43,000.00 | 26,875.00 | 8 | 5,375.00 |
| 2008 Chevrolet 3500 Dump Truck | 50,483.00 | 4,712.00 | 5 | 10,096.00 |
| 2011 Mack Dump Truck | 124,925.00 | 99,016.00 | 15 | 8,328.00 |
| 2011 Fischer Sander | <u>4,700.00</u> | <u>3,290.00</u> | 10 | <u>470.00</u> |
| TOTAL | \$792,551.00 | \$458,024.00 | | \$57,174.00 |

BUILDING & GROUNDS

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----|-------------------|
| 2006 Chevy Pickup Truck | \$28,870.00 | \$ -0- | 5 | \$ -0- |
| 2010 JD Pro Mower/ Bag System | 10,650.00 | 4,260.00 | 5 | 2,130.00 |
| 2006 JD 21" Commercial Mower | 780.00 | 0.00 | 5 | 0.00 |
| 2002 JD JX85 Commercial Mower | 800.00 | 0.00 | 5 | 0.00 |
| 2000 PAS 65x14 Trailer | 2,750.00 | 962.50 | 20 | 137.50 |
| 2000 JD 21" Commerical Mower | 750.00 | 0.00 | 5 | 0.00 |
| 2013 Honda 21" Commercial Mower | <u>675.00</u> | <u>639.00</u> | 5 | <u>160.00</u> |
| TOTAL | \$45,275.00 | \$5,861.50 | | \$2,427.50 |

**BIRTHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH
For the Year Ending December 31, 2013**

| Date of Birth | Name of Child | Name of Father & Name of Mother |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| August 22, 2013 | Mary Tallulah Walsh | James Walsh Jennifer Walsh |

**DEATHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH
For the Year Ending December 31, 2013**

| Date Of Death | Name Of Deceased | Name & Surname Of Father | Maiden Name Of Mother |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| May 29, 2013 | Brenda Manix | Thomas Keyes | Ruth Malorey |
| July 16, 2013 | Phyllis Picard | Philip Levecque | Catherine Marshall |
| October 6, 2013 | Veronica Farrington | Nicholas Pease | Muriel Pullan |
| November 16, 2013 | Harold Aldrich | Harold Aldrich | Edith Ginn |

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH
For the Year Ending December 31, 2013**

| Date of Marriage | Name and Surname Of Groom & Bride | Residence of Each At Time Of Marriage |
|-----------------------------|--|--|
| April 13, 2013 | Steven J. Allen Karen M. Cail | Sugar Hill NH Sugar Hill NH |
| August 1, 2013 | Gordon C. Johnk Tracy E. Chardon | Sugar Hill NH Bethlehem NH |

I hereby certify the above information is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Lissa Boissonneault, Town Clerk

In Memorium

This page is to honor those no longer with us, who gave their time, their heart, and their energy to our community so that others may benefit.

This year, we said goodbye to —

Harold Aldrich



Harold was the Town Road Agent retiring in 1993 after 29 years of dedicated service to our community. Harold also served as a member of the Sugar Hill Fire Department for 60 years and could be expected to be at every call. We will miss Harold's gentle disposition and smile.

Brenda Manix



Brenda served as a Ballot Clerk for many elections in Sugar Hill. She was known for baking wonderful loaves of zucchini bread for the annual Willing Worker's Sale. She kept track of the Highway and Police "boys" on her trusty scanner always worried for their safety. She will be missed.

VETERANS' MONUMENT

Thanks to the Veterans' Committee, Sugar Hill Improvement Association, Don and Lissa Boissonneault, Jim Keefe and the Sugar Hill Highway Department the Town has a new monument honoring all Sugar Hill Veterans.

The rock was found in the Boissonneault's back yard and the Highway Department relocated it to in front of the flagpole. The Improvement Association ordered the plaque and Jim Keefe installed it.

A nice way to honor all our Veterans.

